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TO : Mr. Ladd *sh*
 FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*
 SUBJECT: ~~AMERICAN LEGION COOPERATION PROGRAM~~

DATE: September 26, 1950

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Mr. Raymond J. Kelly, Detroit, Michigan, a Past National Commander of the American Legion, phoned and informed me that he had received a request from National Commander George Craig to contact the Director and ascertain whether it would be possible for Mr. Hoover to talk to him a few minutes concerning the Legion's Program of Cooperation with the FBI. Mr. Kelly stated that he desired to do this prior to the National Convention and will be in Washington until sometime Thursday. He did not inform me as to the nature of the discussion he desired to have with the Director.

I would appreciate advice as to whether it would be possible for the Director to see Mr. Kelly either Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

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TO : MR. GLAVIN

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FROM : H. L. EDWARDS *HW*SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION PAMPHLET
"HOW YOU CAN FIGHT COMMUNISM"

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During the monthly meeting of the FBI American Legion Post, September 11, R. J. Perry, one of the members asked Mr. Clark whether he thought the Bureau would have any objection to the Post sending out copies of the captioned pamphlet (a copy is attached) to its members with its next monthly news letter.

The pamphlet lists Communist Front organizations and publications cited as such by the Attorney General, The House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Council, the California "Tenny" Legislative Committee, and so on. The list is alphabetical and lengthy. It distinguishes between organizations and publications believed to be active and those believed to be inactive. It is noted for example that the publication, Consumers Union, is listed as having been cited by the California "Tenny" Committee, the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the New York City Council Committee Investigating Municipal Civil Service, and the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the pamphlet be brought to the attention of the Security Division so that the comments of that Division may be secured concerning the desirability of the Legion Post circulating the pamphlet among its members.

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RECOMMENDED BOOK LIST

The following twelve titles are recommended as basic reading for those who have read very little on world Communism and its threat to America today. They should be on every library shelf.

Title	Author	Publisher
AMERICAN COMMUNISM	Ones & Werner	Dutton, New York \$5.00
BLUEPRINT FOR WORLD CONQUEST	Chamberlain	Regency & Co., Chicago \$5.50
COMING DEFEAT OF COMMUNISM	Burnham	John Day, New York \$5.50
COMMUNISM, ITS PLANS AND TACTICS	Library of Congress	Infantry Journal \$2.00
COMMUNIST PARTY IN ACTION	Rosset	Yale University Press \$4.00
I CHOOSE FREEDOM	Kravchenko	Scribner, New York \$1.49
I CONFESS	Gillow	Dutton, New York \$2.75
OUT OF THE NIGHT	Jan Valtin	Alliance, New York \$5.50
RED FASCISM	Tenney	Federal Printing Co. \$2.75
SOVIET SPIES	Hirsch	Duell, Sloan & Pearce \$1.00
TELL THE WEST	Chisman	Graham, New York \$2.75
THE WHOLE OF THEIR LIVES	Gillow	Scribner, New York \$5.50

The National Americanism Commission recommends the following books as important sources of information for those seeking more specialized knowledge on various aspects of the whole world Communist problem.

Title	Author	Publisher
THE COUNTRY OF THE BLIND	Counts & Lodge	Houghton Mifflin \$3.50
DEFEAT IN VICTORY	Giechanowski	Doubleday, New York \$3.50
FORCED LABOR IN THE SOVIET UNION	Datta & ...	Yale University Press \$1.75
GOD'S UNDERGROUND	Nichols	Appleton, New York \$5.00
GUESTS OF THE KREMLIN	Father George	La. Col. \$2.50
THE GREAT RETREAT	Emmans	Houghton Mifflin \$5.00
HALF SLAVE—HALF FREE	Timashev	Dutton, New York \$5.00
HANDBOOK FOR SPIES	Abend	Bobbs-Merrill \$3.00
THE IRON CURTAIN	Foot	Doubleday, New York \$3.00
HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION	Igor Gouzenko	Dutton, New York \$3.00
LENIN	Seelye Jones	Bobbs-Merrill \$2.75
LOST ILLUSION	Shub	Doubleday, New York \$5.00
ONE WHO SURVIVED	Freda Uller	Fireside Press \$3.00
PATTERN FOR WORLD REVOLUTION	Barmine	Putnam, New York \$2.75
IF RUSSIA STRIKES	Ypsilon	Ziff-Davis \$5.50
LEAP TO FREEDOM	G. F. Elliott	Bobbs-Merrill \$2.75
MY RETREAT FROM RUSSIA	Kasenkina	Lippincott \$2.75
MY THREE YEARS IN MOSCOW	Petrov	Yale University Press \$4.00
RED PRUSSIAN	Bedell Smith	Lippincott \$2.75
STALIN	Schwartzchild	Scribner \$1.00
SOVIET GOLD	Trotsky	Harpers Bros., N. Y. \$4.00
WORLD COMMUNISM TODAY	Petrov	Farrar & Straus \$4.00
LAND OF MILK AND HONEY	Ebon	McGraw-Hill \$4.50
SOVIET RUSSIA AND THE FAR EAST	W. L. White	Doubleday, New York \$3.00
THE RISE OF RUSSIA IN ASIA	Dattin	Yale University Press \$5.00
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All of these books can be obtained from The American Legion Book Service, 734 Fifteenth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., at prices stated.

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KNOW YOUR ENEMY— THE COMMUNIST FRONTS

THE criminal-conspiracy conviction of the eleven top communist leaders in New York in October of 1949 blew away once and for all the misty doubts and confused uncertainties as to the true nature and ultimate objectives of world communism. The Communist Party of the U. S. A. finally stands



convicted in a court of law of being exactly what The American Legion has charged for the past thirty years. This was a great and significant victory for the American people and their form of government. The conviction, however, will be a hollow and empty victory if the American people do not follow through with a smashing, nationally co-ordinated offensive. This is no time for premature rejoicing and complacency. As military men, we all know the danger and folly of allowing time for a disorganized and retreating enemy to recoup and reorganize his forces.

So far this session Congress has not passed a single piece of effective counter-subversive legisla-



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THE SPOTLIGHT

AMERICAN WOMEN FOR PEACE. This latest front appeared for the first time last Spring when it greeted U. N. Secretary Lie with flowers at the airport on his return from Moscow. On August 8 a delegation from A.W.F.P. came to Washington, conducted a press interview and filed various protests, appeals, and demands with the President, Red Cross and other agencies and individuals. Banning of the atomic bomb and supporting the so-called "Stockholm Peace Appeal" were the two main themes in A.W.F.P. material distributed. CLEMENTINA PAOLONE, who claimed to be "an American physician of Catholic upbringing" was the chief spokesman and "Acting Chairman." She did not appear, upon close interrogation by newsmen, to have been very carefully briefed or long in the racket.

The show was more or less given away by the presence of one ESTHER LETZ of Local #65 of the Communist-infested WHOLESALE AND RETAIL WAREHOUSE WORKERS union of New York. Letz was the gal who obviously ran the show in Washington.

Handouts listed Room 602, 2 East 23rd Street, New York as headquarters for the new peace front. The National Americanism Commission, National Headquarters of the Legion, should be notified of any extension of this outfit to other cities. Names of sponsors and printed material mailed or distributed should be sent to National Headquarters.

NEW PLAYWRIGHTS, INC. The Daily Worker proudly announces the formation of a "new theatre group" in New York City, which is bound to become "one of the most important cultural developments in the last few years."

BARNARD RUBIN, N. Y. W. columnist, is the Director. MIKE GOLD, "America's leading proletarian writer", is also on the Board of Directors. HERB TANK, FRANK SILVERA, HERBERT ARMSTRONG, and ALICE CHILDRESS are also on the Board.

"Continuous production at lowest priced theatre seats in New York is the group's policy." A HOWARD FAST play dealing with a Washington witch-hunt will be the first killer-diller produced by the "Proletcult" group.

LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE. The much-touted First Annual Convention of the LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE, lineal descendant in unbroken line of the late and unlamented YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE, has been postponed from Labor Day weekend to some time around Thanksgiving. No reason given.

SECOND WORLD PEACE CONGRESS. Originally slated for Turin, Italy, then moved to Warsaw, the second World Peace Congress will now be held in London, November 13-19.

The first Congress was held in Paris last year. All "peace lovers," regardless of political, philosophical, or religious convictions are invited to send representatives.

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THE WORLD COMMUNIST FRONT

What good, old Uncle Joe (who is really a very likeable fellow but unfortunately a prisoner of the Politburo) and his bully boys in the Kremlin are cooking up continues to be the #1 speculative problem of the whole world. Korea was obviously an opening pawn gambit and hence a screening diversion for more important moves to come. Most authorities seem agreed that Stalin will not be ready for any major show-down before 1952 or even 1953. President Truman's decision to make a stand in a strategically unimportant country and

to have a show-down now, undoubtedly surprised even the master plotters of the Politburo who are generally conceded to be a pretty hard-boiled and cynical lot. The President's decision was all the more surprising to the Kremlin in view of the State Department's long and unbroken record of appeasement and backing down in East Asia for the past six or seven years.

Despite Malik's blustering and the screams of the Russian broadcasters, it is plain that the real leaders of the Soviet conspiracy have been doing some quiet thinking and reflecting for the past two months. Or they are at least waiting "for the dust to settle" in Korea before uncorking their next unpleasant surprise. Many, but not all students of Soviet foreign policy are of the opinion that Stalin probably is getting ready a gigantic Trojan Horse "peace" offering.

Soviet leaders are now faced with a serious dilemma -- the risk of war with America if she intervenes to help North Korea and the loss of face, a most serious consideration in Asia, if they abandon their puppet. America seems determined to crush and destroy all North Korean military resistance as an absolute minimum requirement before any talks of settlement. This Stalin obviously cannot afford to risk as it would seriously undermine his entire Asiatic position so laboriously and painstakingly built up through the last twenty-five years. The Chinese Reds and other Asiatic communist leaders can hardly be expected to "start something" if Uncle Joe fails to back them up in the final pinch.

And, if Stalin throws any open military support to North Korea he now realizes that it means war with the United States and ultimately with the rest of the non-Communist world. Out of this dilemma there can be only one escape route -- some face-saving form of mediation.

The Chinese Reds have already suggested an "all Asiatic solution." American forces are to be withdrawn from Korea and that unhappy country's "neighbors", India, Burma, and Pakistan are to mediate Korean differences and to pacify and re-unite the country. The utter futility of any such communist-inspired "unification" has been more than once demonstrated to the world in the tragic cases of Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria, and China.

It has been aptly described as the boa constrictor technique of solving differences. The boa constrictor and the rabbit have serious differences. They are urged to unite and resolve their differences. The boa embraces and crushes the rabbit. Unification is achieved by the relatively simple process of swallowing bunny. Peace has been achieved — only there is no rabbit!

The infamous history of the Soviet-inspired Lublin Committee which achieved "peace and unity" in Poland through the boa constrictor tactic is still too fresh in the recollection of the world to go through all that again.

Stalin also has another grave problem. To strengthen his position in the United Nations it is absolutely imperative to get a second seat on the permanent Security Council of five. With two seats there is always the possibility of frightening, bribing, or winning over France or Great Britain or both on some critical vote, thus giving the Soviets a three to two or even four to one majority over hated Uncle Sam. And to save face in Asia it is equally important that Red China get that seat. Stalin, therefore, will bid high to get Mao the Security Council seat — which incidentally Secretary Acheson was all too eager (and probably still is) to give away for nothing. Only Chinese communist stupidity in mistreating American consuls,

missionaries, and other nationals put a temporary crimp in this sellout by arousing widespread public indignation which in turn generated sufficient opposition in Congress to force State Department appeasers to lay it on ice for the time being. A recent Gallup poll showed that only 11% of the Americans queried favored recognition of the Chinese red bandit regime while 58% were opposed. President Truman's decision to defend Formosa is naturally going to make it a bit harder to push the "Let's appease Stalin just once more and seat the nice Chinese agrarian reformers on the U. N. Security Council" line but never underestimate the guile, deceit, and persistence of professional Soviet appeasers. They'll be back, with a new and dazzling line of arguments.

The tempting offer of a "reasonable solution" of the Korean imbroglio which would save American lives and spending would be extremely hard to talk down or resist. Hitler did not hold a monopoly on the technique of dangling a glittering bauble of apparent "peace in our time" or something for nothing before the eyes of those he intended to swindle. "Why die for Danzig?" was a most effective demoralization slogan in France in the critical year of 1939, pushed by both the French Communists and paid French quislings of Nazi persuasion. Frenchmen were prepared, at least some of them, to die if necessary for La Belle France but not for Danzig. So Hitler got Danzig without a shot being fired and World War II became inevitable.

"Why die for Korea?" is an equally effective psychological demoralization slogan already being circulated by Stalin's Fifth Column in the U. S. Especially so if the whole costly and bloody business can be called off and settled by merely recognizing Red China and according Mao Tze Tung his much coveted seat in the United Nations. A cheap bargain and an easy way out of an otherwise bad situation. So watch for a "super Munich" and remember Chamberlain's pathetic "peace in our time" secured by the simple and cheap expedient of selling out Czechoslovakia.

Soviet Russia, through the use of the veto, has consistently blackballed the admission to the United Nations not only of such European-Christian countries as Ireland, Portugal, Finland, Austria, and Italy, but even such Asiatic and non-Christian countries as Nepal, Ceylon and Trans-Jordan, merely because they were non-Communist. If Russia makes it an inviolable policy of barring non-Communist nations to U.N. membership there obviously can be no good sound reason why non-Communist nations should not blackball, by use of the veto, the entry of any and all Soviet satellites — particularly those who have only recently used revolutionary and violent means to overthrow their own governments as was the case of China. The U. S. never recognized the Japanese puppet state of Manchukuo, seized and created by military conquest. The same policy should apply to Red China today — no recognition.

All the hullabaloo about General MacArthur's suppressed statement on the strategic importance of Formosa boils down to little more than State Department fury that one of America's recognized military strategists should dare to express a military opinion on a vitally important military defense question about which the State has in the past more than amply demonstrated it does not have a solitary clue or faintest glimmering of understanding.

The U. S. News and other papers, which promptly printed the censored MacArthur statement rendered a most important public service in placing before the badly worried American public an honest military opinion on a purely strategic question which may shortly seriously involve the United States and its security.

A single paragraph appears to have been the needle's point that jabbed the State Department's striped pants dilettantes and communist-coddlers into petulant rage. That paragraph reads:

"Nothing could be more fallacious than the threadbare argument of those who advocate appeasement and defeatism

in the Pacific that if we defend Formosa we alienate continental Asia. Those who speak thus do not understand the Orient. They do not grasp that it is in the pattern of Oriental psychology to respect and follow aggressive, resolute, and dynamic leadership — to turn quickly from a leadership characterized by timidity or vacillation — and they underestimate the Oriental mentality."

This was not only a slap in the face to the whole Communist-appeasement crew of Acheson-Lattimore-Hiss-John Stewart Service-John Carter Vincent and their numerous ilk and stooges in the Far Eastern Division, but it also demolishes in one scathing paragraph the entire elaborately created hoax, so craftily and assiduously propagated by the same pernicious crew, that the only way to win friends and influence people in the Orient is to follow what might be called the Nation-New Republic phony liberal line. That is to say, by crawling, appeasement, and general snivelling debasement as "proof of American good will."

This whole fallacious line, as MacArthur so succinctly points out, is based on a complete ignorance of Oriental history, psychology and facts of life. Millions of Asiatics have never heard of the United States, to say nothing of Formosa. Millions are totally illiterate and cannot even sign their own names. The very words "Democracy" or "self-determination" are meaningless to whole races which have never exercised the franchise or ever once in their lives expressed any political opinion. The fact that they turn to authoritarian communism when their own native or white controls are overthrown or weakened proves no more natural desire for communism than it did in Russia in 1917.

Illiterate and totally devoid of any democratic experience or history of self-government, the Russian masses fell easy victims to Bolshevik conquest once Lenin and Trotzky had seized certain important military units and scattered or neutralized the rest.

Meanwhile, experts continue to speculate where Stalin will strike next in Asia — Indo-China or Iran. Iran would mean the use of Soviet troops to back

up an embryonic Fifth Column which is incapable of starting anything conclusive on its own hook. Indo-China therefore offers a more tempting gambit to Stalin as Ho Chi Minh already has an army in being there amply and easily supplied by the Chinese Reds across a common frontier and controls a considerable part of the country. Indo-China also offers an excellent base from which to move into Thailand, Burma and Malaya. Thus extending communist control to much of Southeast Asia without involving the Soviet Union or a single Soviet soldier.

Moscow propaganda and subversive activity, as already reported months ago by this Summary, has been noticeably stepped up of late in the volatile Near East (Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, and Egypt) with emphasis on those lands bordering Turkey.

One of the most significant and serious developments in the Korean war has received only very scanty treatment in the otherwise abundant press coverage. That is the little mentioned but apparently full scale guerrilla warfare waged by the Reds behind American lines. Dispatches are full of constant references to "infiltration", "attacks from rear", and behind the lines guerrilla activity.

The January, 1949, Summary called attention to an ominous warning issued in England by the Red Dean of Canterbury shortly after he returned from one of his many trips to Soviet Russia. HEWLETT JOHNSON, the Red Dean, warned that war with Russia would be no pushbutton cinch for America and that "partisan armies will spring up all over Europe" behind American lines to assist the Soviet Union. Now it must be plain that this ecclesiastical Stalinist did not get this dope out of the English Book of Common Prayer or from whatever other religious volumes an Anglican churchman reads. He must have gotten that one straight "from the horse's feedbag" as the vernacular puts it. Combatting and eradicating guerrilla operations apparently does not rate very high in priority in our Army training systems to judge superficially

by battle reports from Korea where such operations seem to be a constant concomitant of open military warfare.

Togliatti of Italy has also served notice in perfectly honest communist fashion that it is the primary duty of Italian commies "to chase the Americans out of Italy" should the U. S. dare to establish any bases in that country against Russian aggression. That, needless to add, can only mean civil and guerrilla warfare against Italian as well as other allied forces.

West German communists likewise have received their orders to step up sabotage and to make things hot for American occupation forces. From faraway Viet Nam comes word that the Stockholm "peace appeal" really means "a sincere decision to help in the slaughter of the French enemy." The new directive declared that the "hour of the general counter-offensive has come." No Aesopian double talk for the jolly cut throats of Ho Chi Minh!

And, in London Winston Churchill solemnly warned Parliament and England that the Soviets today present a far graver threat to western freedom than Hitler did in 1939. Churchill warned that there was no effective defense in western Europe beyond that of the English Channel. Only American atomic bomb superiority, Churchill felt, stayed the Soviets from pushing through to the Atlantic now.

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THE HOME SECTOR

American quislings calling themselves communists are being put very much on the defensive for the first time in many years. Just scurrying around getting bail and legal writs to spring comrades capriciously or perhaps even illegally jailed takes up a lot of valuable time and effort which might otherwise be spent in subversive work. Various cities from Birmingham, Alabama and

Jacksonville to McKeesport and Los Angeles are locking up individual communists under various new or resurrected city ordinances. Most of these cases will probably be lost in the higher courts but the harrassment and annoyance it inflicts on these traitors at least restrains them for varying periods from carrying out their routine seditious activities.

Most significant development of the past month was the public directive published in the Daily Worker ordering all party members to drop discussion and instruction in schools of Marxism-Leninism. The directive came a few hours after the U. S. Court of Appeals upheld the Constitutionality of the Smith Act and the conviction of the eleven top C. P. leaders. Experts on communism noted a sly "between the lines" hint that while the C.P., U.S.A., officially has ordered all teaching and advocacy of revolutionary Marxism stopped it nevertheless encouraged individuals to do so without official party sanction. Because of its importance the entire directive is herewith reprinted verbatim:

"The Foley Square verdict and now the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals present our Party with many serious problems. The decisions are based on war hysteria and the manufactured lies of stoolpigeons and turncoats. These decisions are not based on facts or the truth about the Communist Party and its leadership, nor its activities. These decisions and the findings completely falsify our program, philosophy and activities. These decisions are a Hitler-like caricature, completely falsifying the understanding and the use of Marxist-Leninist classics in classes and schools conducted by our Party or its subdivisions.

"However, in view of the Appellate Court ruling, the National Committee has decided the following: To withdraw all outlines or educational directives that have been issued by the National Committee or by any Department, committee, or commission getting its authority from the National Commission. We ask that no discussion, class, or school be conducted on the basis of directives or outlines issued or dated earlier than August 15, 1950. As soon as possible, the National Educational Department of the Communist Party will issue new directives and outlines. (italics in original.)

"While the Courts have taken this unconstitutional police state-like step to restrict and falsely characterize the schools and classes of our party, this does not stop, nor can the courts ever stop, individuals from reading and studying any and all books, including the classics of Marxism-Leninism. Neither can the courts prohibit the political beliefs of communists, or non-communists, nor can they nullify or change the eloquent and enduring principles and ideals of the liberating science of the working class — the science of Marxism-Leninism."

The unanimous decision of the U. S. Court of Appeals upholding the conviction of the eleven Politburo leaders has been amply covered in the public press and hardly requires any further comment here. The main opinion is a sixty page document of some 20,000 words holding that the communist party today represents a "clear and present danger" to the security of the U. S. The opinion further warned that Americans would be "silly dupes" if they forgot that the same sort of preparations for revolution the communists were making here had aided to "supplant existing governments 'when the time was ripe'." The communist danger, the court found, was a "danger of utmost gravity and of enough probability to justify its suppression."

Twenty-six days later the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, by a two to one decision, revoked bail of the eleven convicted commies giving them thirty days grace to appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court. Revocation of bail had been asked by the Department of Justice on the ground that continuing subversive activity of the convicted C. P. leaders constituted a menace to the security of the U. S. presently engaged in war.

Freedom House, generally regarded as liberal, warned President Truman, on August 7, that the United States must prepare for total danger at once. It presented a six-point program calling for, the outlawing of the communist party, and all of its affiliated agencies and publications; mobilization of 25% of the country's full productive capacity for rearmament;

that any further aggression by Russia be met with all the resources at our command; and that full controls over prices, wages, and profits are necessary at once. Former Secretary of War Robert Patterson is President of Freedom House.

A week later Harold Stassen called for a Congressional ultimatum to Russia warning that any further aggressions would mean war. The full text of the Stassen statement is well worth close study. It can be secured directly from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, of which Mr. Stassen is President.

The opposition of the White House and the learned opinions of the Attorney General of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding, Congress on August 30 passed a drastic subversive activities controll bill (H.R. 9490) by a vote of 354 to 20. Representative Francis Walter of Pennsylvania (Democrat) told the House that he had been asked to introduce the so-called Administration alternative or substitute bill but that he had refused to have anything to do with it. The voting tests showed only seventeen Democrats, two Republicans and Marcantonio as opposed to H. R. 9490 which now goes to the Senate. Those opposed were:

Wayne Aspinall, Colorado

Andrew Biemiller, Wisconsin

John Blatnik, Minnesota

Reva Bosone, Utah

John Carroll, New Jersey

Earl Chudoff, Pennsylvania

Emanuel Celler, New York

Isidore Dollinger, New York

Helen Douglas, California

Herman Eberharter, Pennsylvania

Franck Havenner, California

Walter Huber, Ohio

Cecil King, California

Abraham Multer, New York

George O'Brien, Michigan

Barrat O'Hara, Illinois

John Shelley, California

Usher Burdick, North Dakota

Jacob Javits, New York

Marcantonio, New York

Congress has cited fifty-six persons for contempt because they refused to answer questions put to them by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Thirty-nine of them were residents of Hawaii. Among those cited were four prominent atomic scientists: GIOVANNI ROSSI LOMANITZ, DAVID JOSEPH BOHM, CLARENCE HISKEY, and IRVING FOX.

Other recalcitrants included: PHILIP BART, manager of the Daily Worker, JAMES MATLES, THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK, THOMAS QUINN, and FRANK PANZINO of the communist-controlled United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers. LOUISE BRANSTEN BERMAN, California heiress noted for her acid tongue, was among those cited. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, Negro Executive Secretary of the communist front, Civil Rights Congress, was also cited by Congress for contempt before another House Committee.

Representative Harold Velde (Republican of Illinois), in a speech to Congress, urged President Truman to issue a special proclamation empowering the F. B. I. to round up and curb the activities of known subversives. Mr. Velde asserted that Congressional action, on effective legislation curbing Communist activity, might take months to enact and that the President therefore should restrict potentially dangerous subversives from war areas. Mr. Velde feels that a communist registration law became imperative in 1933 immediately upon American recognition of the U.S.S.R.

The July 21 issue (#165) of Counterattack should be read by every U. S. military commander. In fact, the armed services might do well to secure reprint rights and distribute it to every commissioned officer. It points out the extraordinarily successful penetration during the last war of many service publications by enlisted and officer personnel who later turned out to be not mere pinkos or pseudo liberals but actual G.P. members. General MacArthur, for example, kicked a character named BARNARD RUBIN off the staff of the Far Eastern edition of Stars & Stripes only to be treated to a barrage of abuse for violating "freedom of the press", "exercising arbitrary censorship", etc., etc. The commies,

however, who are completely cynical realists with utmost contempt for bourgeois stupidity, gave away Mr. Rubin's true identity and importance by promptly assigning him to a column in the Daily Worker. A job obviously reserved only for the party trusted and faithful.

Counterattack also points out serious errors in policy with respect to drafted communists and suspected camp followers. Every communist is a highly trained and adroit "Typhoid Mary" of Stalinist defeatism, subversion, and sabotage. They receive special training in military disaffection, defeatism, and psychological demoralization as the mutinies in the Russian, German, and French navies in World War I demonstrated along with serious mutinies and insubordination in nearly all of the allied armies not excepting even U. S. units in the Murmansk-Archangel theatre.

The new August Grand Jury sworn in at New York City is expected to continue the investigation of Soviet espionage in this country. Two alleged Soviet spies, HARRY GOLD of Philadelphia, and DAVID GREENGLASS, are expected to be called before this Grand Jury for questioning.

The State Department has asked PAUL ROBESON to surrender his passport as any trip he might contemplate making abroad would not be in the best interests of this country. Madison Square Garden which for years has played welcome host to endless communist rallies and mass meetings has finally awakened to the temper of the times and has turned down a bid for a Robeson "concert" and rally. The rally scheduled for September 14 and under the sponsorship of the COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS, a C.P. front, was solely for the purpose of protesting the cancellation of Robeson's passport.

New York stevedores suffering from unemployment and working only part time set a patriotic example to Madison Square Garden and other corporations

still "doing business as usual" with America's Fifth Column by refusing to unload Soviet crabmeat, furs, and other non-critical products of Russian slave labor. International Longshoremen's Association stevedores will handle only those cargoes which the U. S. government indicates are vital to national defense. Polish hams also come under the ban. Unfortunately in this case the furs, crabmeat, and other Soviet slave labor products no longer were Russian property but had been sold to Americans, Englishmen, and others years ago. They will take the loss, not the Soviets.

A number of American cities from Macon, Georgia, to Los Angeles have passed anti-communist control ordinances requiring communists to register or even to leave town under penalty of jailing. This Summary will attempt to make a recapitulation of these various municipal counter-subversive measures in the October issue.

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COMMUNIST SOCIAL NOTES

A Summary correspondent in Chicago attended a communist party there recently and reported the comrades as very quiet and circumspect.

"It was very, very old-fashioned American, folk dances and all that sort of thing. Rather high type of people present, all of them in higher income brackets and mostly over fifty years of age. It was just like any other upper class social gathering except that a puppet show had Truman consulting a psychiatrist, Dr. Blue, because the President had a nervous breakdown over sending Trumbo and the other Hollywood Ten to jail. Not a word was breathed about you know what."

JOHN HOWARD LAWSON, one of the convicted Hollywood Ten doing time for contempt of Congress is counting eggs at the Federal Penitentiary at Ashland, Kentucky. EDWARD DMYTRYK, screen writer and director, can be reached at the U. S. Prison at Millpoint, West Virginia. The Daily Worker failed to advise how Dmytryk passes the time away in durance vile. ALBERT MALTZ, another of the notorious Contemptuous Ten, is engaged in highly useful social labor at the same Federal Pen -- he is shovelling gravel. HERBERT BIBERMAN, husband of GALE SONDERGAARD and brother-in-law of HESTER SONDERGAARD, is summering in Texas at the Texarkana Federal Prison. ALVAH BESSIE is in the same cooler. LESTER COLE and RING LARDNER, JR., also guests of Uncle Sam, are doing their year at the Danbury, Connecticut Federal Prison. Their new occupations are not given.

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WHAT THE U. S. COMMIES ARE SAYING...

Other than the rescinding of teaching and instruction directives already commented upon, the Daily Worker for the past month showed no discernible backdown or even slackening of communist activities and strict adherence to the political line as laid down in Moscow. The fact that their American stooges are not backing water is proudly noted and commended by Pravda and other official Soviet publications. In fact, as far as the Korean war is concerned, the Worker is taking an increasingly bolder and more seditious line. Wherever possible legitimate American news sources or correspondents are quoted to show that G. I. morale in Korea is low and that American troops are fighting badly because they have no clear idea why they are in Korea at all. On the other hand the superlative fighting qualities and do or die valor of the North Koreans is played up as proving the justice of their cause and the indomitable spirit of fighting communists. The fact that Americans are fighting alone and that the U.N.'s plea for troops for Korea fizzled is jubilantly played up in the Worker

as proof that American imperialists stand alone in a world dedicated to peace and mediation.

"Five bloody weeks of the Truman-MacArthur adventure in Korea have shattered a dozen myths about American imperialism -- but the most resounding smash has befallen the idea that the whole 'free world' is 100% behind the United States. The fact is that our country is more and more isolated -- the word 'American' is becoming a password of hatred and contempt."

Full page headlines exult that the Korean war "IS THE MOST UNPOPULAR IN OUR HISTORY." A careful round-up from various sections of the U. S. is used to show that Americans have little or no interest in the Korean war. Mao Tze Tung is approvingly quoted:

"The American reactionary has a heavy burden. He must sustain the reactionaries of the entire world. And, if he cannot sustain them the whole house falls down. It's a house with one pillar."

The Daily Worker is also happy that:

"The plot of the Wall Street warmongers to plunge the whole world into catastrophic atomic war is already sending shivers down the backs of our Western European allies The working classes of Europe will not fight another war for Franco, DeGaulle, King Paul, the Ruhr Nazis and the empire investments of London and Washington, THAT IS AN ESTABLISHED FACT The miserable response of the U. N. 'allies' to the call for cannon fodder is a token of future events." (i.e., America will have to fight alone this time.)

The voice of Pravda in this country then goes on:

"We will be required to levy, train, equip, and send enormous American armies to every corner of the earth, fighting futile and losing wars against peoples who will defend their liberties and national homelands to the death. Hitler's plan was equally desperate. That did not stop him from launching Germany into disaster. What the German people failed to do, we patriotic Americans, however must do. We must say 'NO' to this world war plan which is already sending shivers down the spines of our 'allies'."

There has been a sharp increase in similar demoralization material of late in the D. W. For example, the August 15th issue published a long verbatim eye witness account of the horrors of Hiroshima after the first atomic bomb had been dropped. The intent, of course, was quite obvious — to make Americans feel that atomic warfare is so utterly devastating and horrible that anything, even appeasement of Stalin is preferable. Pictures and accounts of sobbing and weeping wives and other women relatives of departing U. S. Marines and other troops is naturally seized upon and given a big play in the Worker. The comm rag is also visibly elated over the fact that 75% of the draftees of Detroit are being rejected on physical and psychic grounds. Imperialist warmongers are rushing headlong into a world atomic war and 75% of their intended cannon fodder are incapable of bearing arms.

Alleged interviews with captured American soldiers in Korea including officers up to the rank of major also get a big play in the official organ of the American quislings. "What are we over here for fighting these people who have never done anything against the United States?" is the main defeatist line of the Worker, picked up and re-echoed in this country from Soviet broadcasts and publications.

It is interesting to note that this identical line of propaganda approach was very successfully used by the first Bolsheviks in 1918-19 in demoralizing certain American army units in Northern Russia as well as tying up the whole French Fleet in the Black Sea in an effective naval mutiny. Green troops hurriedly thrown into battle, or battle-weary exhausted men who have never been given the slightest indoctrination along ideological lines can be highly susceptible to such psychological demoralization.

Second most important propaganda theme of the Daily Worker, at least judging by the extraordinary amount of space accorded to it day after day, is

the C.P.'s strategy of disaffecting a substantial percentage of American Negroes. Party directives lay heavy emphasis on the allegation that the Negro "is the weakest link in the imperialist warmongers' chain." This apparent chink in the armor of American national unity is the pet obsession of Stalin himself. The Great Vozhd first formulated this theory about twenty years ago despite the protests and advice of both colored and white American Communists who acted as consultants and advisors to Moscow in the late twenties. Stalin came to the conclusion that the American Negro could only be successfully radicalized and maneuvered into revolt and civil war by persuading him that American Negroes were not a race or a segment of American society but were really a nation held in bondage and therefore entitled to secession from the Union in order to set up a self-governing and totally independent Black Republic in the so-called "Black Belt" or that area of the South where Negroes form 51% or more of the population.

All communist publications have laid heavy emphasis on the theme that the Korean war is a "Wall Street, white supremacist war of enslavement against a colored Asiatic race." And, that the American Negro therefore should not serve in the armed forces oppressing another colored race. Unprecedented venom and abuse has been heaped by white writers of the Worker on Negro editors and others who have adopted a patriotic attitude with respect to Negro troops in Korea.

The commies were also incensed and obviously worried over the recent moves to cancel the bail of HARRY BRIDGES and the eleven convicted Politburo leaders. This was nothing more than the "protective security racket of the Nazis" the Worker screamed. It not only made a dead document of the Bill of Rights but was a "long step towards Gestapo-izing the U. S." The Department of Justice's demand that the PEACE INFORMATION CENTER at New York register as a foreign agent also raised Communist blood pressure. The Chairman of the Center, W. E. B. Dubois, refused the request as a "fantastic absurdity." Mr. Dubois, a

veteran C. P. stooge, added that the Department of Justice "silly demand" cannot cancel out two million peace petition signers."

The C.P.'s fever graph also jumped several degrees on Stassen's demand that Congress serve a formal ultimatum on Stalin warning him against any further aggressive attacks on the peace and security of the rest of the non-communist world. Starobin thought that the Pennsylvania University proxy's suggestion was worth a full column of typical communist vituperation. Starobin called the idea "AN INVITATION TO MURDER." He added:

"What Stassen and Walsh are trying to say is that if we find it harder and harder to defeat the Korean people, we should try to fight the Russian people, and with them, the hundreds of millions of the New China and New Europe. It is just an invitation to murder — for 150,000,000 Americans."

The Worker also pretended great moral indignation over the refusal of the New York City Police to issue a permit for a phony "peace rally" in Harlem.

The communists derived great satisfaction from the editorial opposition of the St. Louis Dispatch, Washington Evening Star, and Nation to the government's move to cancel bail of the eleven convicted commy conspirators. HOWARD DA SILVA, DASHIELL HAMMETT, WILLARD RANSOM of the Indiana N.A.A.C.P., and Professor LOUISE PETTIBONE SMITH of Wellesly also received front-page Daily Worker praise as prominent and enlightened Americans who have opposed bail cancellation of convicted communists. The A.F.L. American Federation of Teachers, which in the past had an excellent record of kicking out commy school teachers, also got a pat on the head from America's Pravda because its recent Detroit convention condemned the New York City school authorities for refusing to recognize the communist-infested Teachers Union #555 as a legitimate bargaining unit. Local #555 enjoys the dubious distinction of having been kicked out of both the C.I.O. and A.F.L. as commy-infested.

The Worker happily front-paged the fact that "22 National organizations call anti-communist bills threat to all." It did not list all 22, only the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MACHINISTS, JEWISH WAR VETERANS, AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION, CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, and the UNITED COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN. The other fifteen "national organizations" were not listed.

D. W. columnist GEORGE MORRIS has a great deal of fun twitting both the A.F.L. and C.I.O., as well as other anti-communist labor and liberal groups over the fact that they are opposed to the Mundt-Ferguson and other communist control bills because they fear that such bills might be used against them as well as against the communists. Morris boasts, "The lawyer who could devise a bill aimed only at communists wasn't born yet." Morris goes on to laugh that "A.F.L. and C.I.O. leaders who take second place to none as opponents of communism find this out in practice." Says Morris:

"This is because the very activity of the communists these laws would outlaw is but an advanced form of the activity carried on by even the most conservative of these organizations."

In other words, the commies are laughing at and taunting anti-communist labor leaders and liberals who oppose any anti-communist legislation with real teeth as thereby admitting that they are engaged in essentially the same activity as the communists, only on a less advanced scale and that their opposition to such anti-communist legislation is based on the sound fear that they too may someday find these laws turned against them.

DAVID PLATT, the D.W.'s movie critic, rates a whole page for excerpts from his anti-American speech made at the communist "World Film Festival" held recently in Czechoslovakia. The page was headed, "FILMS ARE OWNED BY THE SAME GANG THAT OWNS THE A-BOMB." Platt's page of diatribe against Hollywood's product is largely directed against what he is pleased to call its degeneracy under President Truman.

"The degeneracy of the American movie under Truman can be seen in the latest fashion in crime film titles gangster films, police films, imperialist war and racist films make up the majority of Hollywood films today The themes of most of these films are lessons in how to murder, how to seduce, how to succeed in life by trampling on the faces of one's fellow men Human beings in Hollywood films are depicted as irrational and insane, homicidal and sex-crazed. They seek to mould, to condition the people and youth especially for imperialist war."

The Catholic hierarchy also comes in for some severe Plattsonian criticism because of its alleged sinister control of Hollywood for the purpose of making "supernatural movies" (commie lingo for religious theme pictures).

The relatively few, unimportant, and poorly produced anti-communist pictures are contemptuously dismissed by Platt in a few sentences. Their boycott is recommended in all countries outside of the United States as they were total box office flops in America, Platt claimed. The commie scribbler's bitterest complaint indicated where the shoe is pinching the Muscovites in America. "Good, democratic films are no longer made in Hollywood." A good, democratic film obviously being one which generally but subtly carries out the party line. The fine talents of William Wyler, whom Platt praises lavishly, are now wasted on the direction of dreary drivel. Platt even quotes Wyler as saying:

"They are making decent people afraid to express their opinions. They are creating fear in Hollywood. Fear will result in self-censorship. Self-censorship will paralyze the screen."

Mr. Wyler does not identify, "they."

Communist leaders must be worrying about the morale of some of their weaker followers now that the heat is on the party. No less party big-wig than William Z. Foster himself saw fit to publish a front page editorial in the Worker lauding communist courage on fire. We quote from Comrade Foster's ideological shot in the arm:

"One of the many reasons why the capitalists of the world so deeply fear the growing communist movement in all countries is the splendid fighting spirit of the communists. Whether in the matter of intellectual courage or of sheer physical bravery, communists have no superior in the modern world. Capitalism, which so badly needs defenders in its period of decay, is quite unable to produce such indomitable fighters."

The rest of Foster's morale-bolstering editorial is a recital of the invincible courage and ever-victorious successes of the communists from the early Bolsheviks of 1917 to the North Koreans of 1950. Communists are invincible and utterly fearless because history is on their side. Only revolutionary armies fired with the dynamic zeal of a holy cause, the liberation of all of mankind, can win the smashing and incredible victories of the North Koreans against superior U. S. air power and weapons. The American Communist Party is under terrific fire, Foster complains, but all the forces of the capitalist Hell shall not prevail against it. Foster is sure that, "The C. P., U.S.A., inspired by the brave struggles of communists all over the world, will stand its ground notwithstanding the fiercest attacks of American imperialism."

PHIL BART, Managing Editor of the Worker and recently cited for contempt, echoes the defiance of his chief. In bold face, Roman type Bart clenched his editorial fist and screamed:

"The Daily Worker cannot be jailed. Its voice cannot be silenced. With every attack it will win new support in the fight to save our country from the scourge of a new world war and fascism."

The defiance and pretended cockiness of some of the top commissars is apparently not shared by all of their small fry followers. A former C. P. member recently met an old party crony in the street in the Bronx. The commy looked worried and dejected. After passing the usual banalities the former Stalinist whispered that he had just learned that a party big-wig, well known to both of

them, would shortly be arrested by the F. B. I. He merely wanted to get the communist's reaction. Imagine his surprise when the Stalinist turned white with fright and vomited right in the street. Something he "et" no doubt!

POLITICAL AFFAIRS for August devoted more than half of its space and the first five leading articles entirely to the Korean war to make sure that all party faithful had the correct line for further transmittal to the C. P.'s vast and highly articulate network of crypto-communists, secret fellow travellers and ideological camp followers, many of whom are strategically placed in educational, public information, press, radio and other spots where public opinion can be subtly poisoned. "Halting Wall Street's criminal war of aggression against democratic Korea" is the main propaganda directive laid down in Political Affairs. The National Committee of the C. P., U.S.A., addressed an open letter to the American people which for sheer communist gall and brazen effrontery is hard to beat and is therefore quoted in full for the benefit of all Summary recipients:

HALT WALL STREET AGGRESSION IN ASIA!

A Statement by the Secretariat of the
National Committee, Communist Party,
June 27, 1950

To the American People:

Atomic war threatens the people of the world.

President Truman precipitated the danger of that catastrophe yesterday when he ordered hostilities against the peoples of Asia without an official declaration of war.

His orders speeding our bombers and warships to intervene against the Korean people are the adventurist, ruthless, aggressive, imperialist operations of Wall Street for domination of all Asia and the Pacific.

Look behind the manufactured headlines for the truth, fellow-Americans. For your lives, your children's lives, our country and the world are in danger.

The military provocation in Korea is planned as a smokescreen behind which to intervene against the struggle for independence of the peoples of Korea, China, Formosa, the Philippines, Viet Nam, Indonesia and Malaya.

Hence, those representatives on the United Nations Security Council who shamelessly hastened to do the bidding of Wall Street's representative merit the censure of the world.

Why did they hasten to place the "guilt" upon the people's government of Northern Korea? Why did they not investigate the facts, seek the truth?

Why did they ignore well-known facts about the Syngman Rhee government and its bloody tortures and imprisonment of all Korean patriots from left to conservative?

Why did they not ask the facts from a representative of the people's government of North Korea?

Why did they not ask what John Foster Dulles--spurned as senator from New York--was doing in Korea, standing in the front lines of the puppet government trenches, giving them their marching orders?

Why did the United Nations Security Council promptly rubber-stamp the demand of the United States imperialists? Why did they act without the presence of the Soviet Union and the Chinese representatives?

Think clearly, fellow-Americans, consider the facts deeply. The action of the United Nations Security Council was an additional smokescreen behind which the Wall Street bipartisan coalition moved. The puppets who jerk to the pull of American Big Business acted as they did to further conceal the truth, to befuddle you and the peoples of the world so that the banker-generals can get away with murder.

Fellow-Americans: workers, tradeunionists, the Negro people, veterans, women, youth, do not be misled by these smokescreens.

Wall Street, which robs you of your hard-earned rights, which cuts your wages, which dangles the Taft-Hartley sword over your head--is the aggressor in Korea, China, Formosa, the Philippines, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Malaya.

Our country, our sons and daughters, are in grave danger.

Demand a halt to the aggressive military adventures of our Administration before they touch off worldwide atomic war.

It is in our interest, posterity's interest, to demand full support to the peoples of Korea, China, Formosa, the Philippines, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Malaya, in their brave struggle for unity, for independence, for liberation.

They want the right to determine their own destiny. They have that right. In a few days, we Americans shall celebrate the day of our own independence, July 4, and Americans, of all peoples, know how dear that right is to the plain people of the world.

But the huge monopolies of Wall Street think otherwise. They would turn the clock back on the march of the world's peoples to freedom, to independence. Wall Street's puppet governments in Asia are crumbling fast because the proud peoples of the Pacific are on the march to liberation. They are at their Valley Forge. Hence the imperialists of this country have decreed armed intervention to bolster the crumbling positions of Asia's Syngman Rhee, Chiang Kai-sheks, Bao Dais--the corrupt, traitorous hirelings who have drenched their nations in blood.

The war moves of Wall Street's armed intervention are only in the interest of the big industrialists, the powerful bankers who mint their profits from the lives of plain people here and throughout the world. The interest, the will of the American people is for peace!

The bipartisan war coalition has solely one aim; to conquer the peoples of Asia, to rob them of their natural resources, to multiply Big Business' profits from a subjugated world.

This policy is catastrophic to the American people. It is not in our interests.

It was not to the benefit of the German people when Hitler and the Krupps dreamed the same dream of world conquest. It was not to the world's interest when they moved in their aggressions under the guise of an anti-communist axis, a slogan which President Truman yesterday dug out of the ruins. Where Hitler failed, Wall Street will not succeed.

Truman's effort to blame the socialist peoples of the Soviet Union flies in the face of history. The Soviet Union had withdrawn its troops from Korea a year and a half ago. Its policies are based upon the fact that a workers' and farmers' government wants peace; their nation has no Wall Street that plots war for the sake of profits. The American people must demand not a policy of hostility but that negotiations should take place between our Government and the Soviet Union for peace and friendship.

Truman's ruinous policies can only mean oceans of suffering for the American people as they already have to the peoples of Korea, of Asia. Those policies are not only catastrophic to our people, they endanger the entire world.

he solemnly pontificates "We condemn it." This will undoubtedly be a terrible blow to the North Koreans. Just to balance the scales a trifle, Seldes also finds that the use of U. S. troops to hurl back the aggressors was "ill-advised." In Fact supports the Nehru position of first investigating, weighing all the evidence, hearing all sides and then (after all of South Korea was swallowed up by the communists) having the United Nations offer its peaceful and non-military good offices.

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MONTHLY ANALYSIS OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA

There has been a marked increase during the past thirty days in the lineage which the Daily Worker and Peoples World have given to strictly Negro and racial minority items. Whole pages and columns are given over to very thinly disguised racial incitation material designed to convince American Negroes that they are committing a colossal crime in fighting for Wall Street against "other colored races." The phony Stockholm "peace appeal" and the trials and tribulations of petition collectors in some American cities has become the runner-up in communist space considerations. Communists in trouble, bail fights, deportations, and other strictly defense items usually in the top spot has now dropped to third in order of importance. There also has been a very significant rise in space given to morale disintegration material. This classification now having risen to sixth in order of importance as far as communist lineage is concerned.

Hands off Korea! No interference with the Korean people's right to a free, united and independent Korea.

Hands off Korea! Demand the immediate withdrawal of United States warships and air force and an end to shipment of arms to the puppet Rhee government.

Not a cent, not a gun, not a plane for Wall Street's puppet regimes in Korea, Formosa, Viet Nam.

Demand the seating of China's new democratic government in the Security Council so that the Soviet Union can participate and make the United Nations a functioning body.

Ban the atomic bomb and declare that government an enemy of mankind that first uses it.

For direct negotiations between the United States, the Soviet Union and China for peace.

We must—all of us who cherish freedom, who abhor atomic death for hundreds of millions—unite our ranks, combine in a solid front of the peoples for peace.

Gus Hall
Henry Winston
John Williamson

National Secretariat of the
Communist Party

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WHAT THE COMMUNIST PERIPHERY PRESS IS SAYING

IN FACT continues to harp on the allegation that America is secretly re-arming three fascist countries: Germany, Japan, and Spain. We are arming the fascists, Seldes charges, because France, Italy, and the Western European democracies will not fight against Russia. Parroting a favorite theme of the communist press, In Fact also devotes generous hunks of space to attacking the Mundt-Ferguson Bill and other effective anti-subversive legislation pending before Congress. Its line on Korea, however, is curiously at variance with the party line.

After long and careful study and weighing of all the evidence, Editor Seldes at last decided that North Korea was guilty of aggression and

WHAT THE RUSSIANS ARE SAYING

Both the tempo and virulence of Soviet anti-American propaganda by air and by press has been markedly stepped up since the Korean war began. The United States is invariably depicted in blackest colors as the primary source of all of the world's evil and troubles. All the other enemies of Soviet Russia, real or fancied, ranging from the Holy See to French and British Socialists and from the South Koreans and Chiang Kai Shek to the Norwegian or Spanish governments are contemptuously dismissed as mere marionettes dancing to the tune called by the Wall Street atomaniacs. But for America the whole wide world would already be marching towards the glorious sun of the future -- the peace, tranquillity, culture, and freedom from fear of war represented by the great and powerful Soviet Union and its peace-loving "Peoples' Democracies."

It is a physical impossibility to summarize or make a brief digest of even a small part of the tremendous oceans of bitterest anti-American poison loosed on the world every day by every mass communications media available to the vast propaganda industry of Soviet Russia. Even a cursory examination of all of the Soviet and satellite broadcast material put out in any 24 hours is well nigh a full-time task for one man.

GERHART EISLER's departure from these shores between nights without the formality of notifying the F.B.I. was considered a "good riddance" by many ill-informed newspaper editors and others who knew nothing of the potential of such characters for working against the U. S. Gerhart is now busily engaged in a full time Goebbels job of Minister for Propaganda of the East German communist government. One sample of Eisler's talent will suffice:

"Enlighten the U. S. soldiers in Germany, especially the Negro troops who hate their white oppressors and harbor natural feelings of sympathy for the Korean people. Draw their attention to the dangers of a new world war which U.S. imperialists are striving to unleash. Ask these U. S. soldiers, in particular the colored men, to join us in

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and "treacherous lackeys of Wall Street." Tito and "his Belgrade clique of traitors, spies and murderers" also come in for rather rough handling in typical commy billingsgate.

American planes flying over Soviet occupied Germany are continuously dropping Colorado potato bugs and incendiaries to fire the ripe wheat fields. Purpose, according to Pravda, to ruin East Germany economy and increase hunger. Real purpose, according to experts, to build up a case for another Berlin blockade and then demand the cessation of any airlift on the grounds that American planes have been spotted dropping beetles, incendiaries, etc.

Intelligence Digest for September, in fact, quotes from high German communist sources that the Russians are planning another squeeze on Berlin for this Fall, this time to force the allies from the city by a starvation blockade.

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Pravda for July 6 made a bad break by quoting its New York Tass agency as reporting a Harlem "Keep Hands Off Korea" demonstration thunderously greeting "Benjamin Davis and Paul Robeson, members of the National Communist Party of the U.S.A." Robeson has never admitted C. P. membership and has always evaded the question.

New Times, prepared for foreign consumption instead of Russian readers, follows pretty much the same general propaganda line as Pravda and Izvestia. The culture, scientific superiority, industrial power, expanding farm economy, and invincible military might of the Soviet Union rates heavy space assignments. On the other side of the picture the appalling poverty, misery, and utter hopelessness of the non-Communist world gets even more detailed treatment. While the U. S. atomaniacs plot for a catastrophic world war in order to forestall an economic crash in the U.S. and to fatten their

fighting for peace, in demanding the end of American interventionist war in Korea and in insisting that Korea be freed and peace safeguarded."

Eisler went on to warn the West Germans that "preparations have already been made to blow up the Lorelei Rock, to convert parts of Germany into dead zones and to turn us Germans into corpses. Today the United States imperialists are trying to finish off Korea; tomorrow they may well try to destroy the western and whole of Germany in the attempt to implement their plans for world conquest." The Americans, Eisler sneered, are carrying out the same cowardly military tactics in Korea which they used to destroy much of Germany, i.e., the mass and criminal bombing of population centers indiscriminately killing and wounding tens of thousands of innocent women and children.

PRAVDA for the past month has naturally given heavy emphasis to U. S. reverses in Korea. The "bloody atrocities of American imperialists in Korea" rates a high space priority in Pravda. "Cowardly American troops have aroused the contempt of even their South Korean dupes by running away" before the battle even opened. "Three thousand democratic (North) Koreans were massacred by the Americans" according to Pravda in one mass killing. The military might and industrial power of the Soviet Union, "a mighty fortress guarding world peace" is another favorite Pravda topic.. The Stockholm "peace appeal" probably rates third in order of importance as far as Pravda space is concerned.

Refusal of harbor workers in various European seaports to unload American armaments naturally gets a big play in this Soviet paper. American strikes, even by unions which exclude communists, are played up heavily in Pravda to prove the revolutionary militancy of the down-trodden American worker. William Green of the A.F.L. and MURRAY, CURRAN, and REUTHER of the C.I.O. are frequently castigated as enemies of the American working class

For A Lasting Peace, For A Peoples Democracy, voice of the COMINFORM and published in Bucharest, is now printed in fifteen languages. It emphasizes the slogan: "FOIL THE CRIMINAL WAR MONGERS — BAN THE ATOMIC WEAPON."

This weekly paper devotes most of its space to reports, manifestoes, and activities of the various world Communist Parties including the American. While New Times in nine or ten languages is largely slanted for non-communist but sympathetic readers, For A Lasting Peace is more of a professional trade paper for hardened and indoctrinated communists who already know the score.

The spreading world peace movement which fills the "Wall Street atomic warmongers and cannibals" with cold horror as they visualize their own imminent destruction, also gets a heavy play in the Cominform rag. 237,000,000 people, all over the world, have already signed the Stockholm Peace Appeal. But merely securing millions of more signers is not enough — those who refuse to sign must be mercilessly exposed as agents of American imperialism. "All those who refuse to sign should be made to explain publicly why they refused and then be exposed as a paltry handful of imperialist cannibals and their henchmen who are preparing for a new world war slaughter."

Nothing is too foul or dastardly for the frightened American warmongers and cannibals.

"It is clear from numerous sources that the occupation authorities of the Western Powers have secretly prepared the blowing up of the Lorelei Rock in the Rhine. The purpose is to block the Rhine causing a catastrophic flood which would inundate Mainz, Frankfurt, Karlsruhe, Darmstadt and other West German cities. The exposure of these plans by German patriots has once again shown to the world the beastly countenance of the imperialist warmongers as well as their cowardice."

"Sharpening of the workers' revolutionary vigilance against foul, pernicious plots of the Anglo-American imperialist intelligence services" is another favorite theme of For A Lasting Peace.

already swollen profits, the serene and confident Soviet people work only for peace and a better world for all of mankind. The main propaganda theme in New Times in the past two months has been "Intensify the world struggle for Peace." The abolition of the atomic weapon and the Stockholm peace petition campaign all over the world is given heavy emphasis.

Another favorite New Times subject is the charge that America is secretly re-arming the Japanese and Nazi Germans. Material designed to disintegrate European morale is handled with consummate skill. The U. S., which is noted for its cowardly mass bombing techniques instead of soldierly ground fighting, is depending on France, England and the other "Marshallized satellites" to provide the cannon fodder for its criminal adventures against the peace-loving Soviets and the Peoples Democracies of Eastern Europe. The U. S. atomic war criminals will supply the bombers and offshore Navy while western Europe supplies the infantry cannon fodder. However, America will get the unpleasant surprise of its life when it finds that it will have to fight 800,000,000 of "free and democratic people" alone without a single dependable ally.

The WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (labor arm of the Comintern) calls for active "solidarity" all over the world to implement and strengthen the Stockholm peace appeal. New Times then explains that "active solidarity" means comprehensive, swift and vigorous support by words and actions. The strike of Australian seamen against handling war cargoes for Korea is held up as a good example of "active solidarity with the Stockholm Peace Appeal."

The July 19th issue of N.T. boldly warned American warmongers that the "precedent of the Nuremberg and Tokyo war criminal trials will not be forgotten. All those who turned North Korea into a battlefield on June 25 and on whose orders American airmen are dropping bombs on peaceful Korean civilians need have no doubts on that score."

The interesting angle in this case is the instantaneous and highly vocal howls of anguish from the usual run of newspaper columnists and other blatherskites who represent no one but themselves and who, to read their tiresome tripe, are the only true blue, last ditch defenders unto death of the Bill of Rights, the Constitution, and sacred American liberties that the rest of us ordinary Americans and Legionnaires apparently are not sufficiently intelligent and alert enough to defend. Most of the plumed knights of the typewriter and radio microphone prefer to do their "do or die" fighting at home against shadowy and ill-defined fellow Americans rather than facing foreign foes or demonstrating one's love of country on the battlefield or at least in the armed services of America. The biggest laugh of all in the whole JEAN MUIR affair was the deathless charge of the Light Brigade of the disreputable AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION. To clear the name of a fair damsel in distress they threaten to investigate Counterattack!

Old time Legionnaires long familiar with the unsavory record of this professional racket to create a job for Roger Baldwin by exploiting the Bill of Rights in many a dubious and devious case will really get a good belly laugh out of that one. If any outfit in the United States needs a good investigation by a competent Congressional Committee, it is the A.C.L.U.

The Muir tempest over a microphone in itself is of very little importance. If she is to be the last and only one fired off the air, then practically nothing has been achieved. The main point at issue has very cleverly been obscured, completely covered up, and kept away from the public eye. THAT IS THE CULPABLE NEGLIGENCE OF MANY — NOT ALL — RADIO SPONSORS, AGENCIES, AND NETWORKS IN POLICING THEIR OWN PROGRAMS AND KEEPING THEM CLEAN. THE PUBLIC SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PROTEST THE APPEARANCE OF A ROBESON, PAUL DRAPER, OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR OBJECTIONABLE OR CONTROVERSIAL CHARACTER. A NUMBER OF PATRIOTIC AND RESPONSIBLE COMPANIES WHO KNOW ENOUGH OF SIMPLE ECONOMICS TO

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COMMUNISM IN THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD

The dropping of JEAN MUIR as Mrs. Aldrich from the General Foods show, "Henry Aldrich" TV show a few Sundays ago easily outranks, at least as far as newsprint space is concerned, all the other developments in the entertainment field in the past month. This despite some very interesting and hot battles in the AMERICAN FEDERATION OF RADIO ARTISTS convention at Chicago and certain unpleasant developments in the RADIO WRITERS GUILD. The long overdue housecleaning of commies, pinkos, and Stalinist camp followers in the radio entertainment industry seems to be getting underway at last.

For years anti-communists found themselves subtly blackballed and euchred out of the better-paying positions. This Summary has charged that crypto-communists have infiltrated into strategic positions in the radio field where they could insinuate secret party members into cushy jobs and deftly blackball outstanding and valuable anti-communists. Now the tide has turned and as may be expected the first ones to get hit are howling bloody "murder."

The case of JEAN MUIR herself is hardly worth commenting on. Counterattack has documented her alleged front record. Sufficient protests came in from radio listeners and purchasers of General Foods goods to induce that company to drop her. She had years in which to repudiate her past mistakes in lending her name to notorious fronts. She apparently never did. She was not conspicuously noted for lending her name to any anti-communist organizations or causes or helping or defending patriotic anti-communists blackballed and harrassed out of their profession.

C. P. FRONTS AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

News reports from various American cities indicate that communist their stooges pushing the phony "Stockholm Peace Appeal" are finding the increasingly rough. Police authorities in several instances have arrested and locked up on vagrancy charges, or otherwise harried these "peace peddlers. The State Department, House Un-American Activities Committee and various private organizations have issued warnings against the Communist hoax. Ten major Jewish organizations comprising the National Community Relations Council, for example, sent out a warning terming the petition "a despicable divide and conquer tactic."

Under the hot white heat of the Korean war and the even hotter public disapprobation of anything and everything even remotely connected with or tainted by communism, the great Gideon's Army of the Progressive Party is melting away like the proverbial snowball in Hell. Gideon with a final blast on his trumpet has departed from the P.P. The Daily Worker was not long in blasting Henry Wallace as having sold out to "the same Wall Street buccaneers and Washington cold warriors who vilified and traduced him throughout the period of the cold war."

The California convention of the Progressive Party adopted a drastically modified platform compared to that of the parent national organization. It avoided any hot issues and carefully skipped over the national P.P.'s opposition to selective service. Communists for a long time have admitted privately their intense disappointment over the failure of the Progressive Party to establish a mass base in the labor movement and among the Negro population — due largely, of course, to the quick identification in the public mind of the P.P. with covert communist control.

THE BUTTER FOR THEIR BREAD COMES FROM, LONG AGO ISSUED ORDERS
ENCIES TO SCREEN AND KEEP OFF THEIR PROGRAMS ANY AND ALL CHARACTERS
NCE ON THEIR PROGRAMS MIGHT BE OBJECTIONABLE TO A RESPECTABLE
THEIR LISTENERS. WHAT SPONSOR, AGENCY, OR RADIO NETWORK WOULD DARE
K. SMITH, A NOTORIOUS AND RABID ANTI-CATHOLIC, ANTI-NEGRO BIGOT,
ON A PROGRAM? YET SEVERAL HUNDRED EQUALLY OFFENSIVE COMMUNISTS,
FOLLOWERS, FRONTERS, AND OTHER DUBIOUS CHARACTERS HAVE NOT ONLY BEEN
THE AIR FOR YEARS BUT HAVE DONE RIGHT HANDSOMELY IN A FINANCIAL WAY AND IN
RECOMMENDING AND CONNIVING AT THE HIRING OF THEIR OWN ILK AND THE VICIOUS
BOYCOTTING AND BLACKLISTING OF PATRIOTIC, ANTI-COMMUNIST AMERICANS.

La Affaire Muir for that reason is unfortunate -- the radio industry
should have quietly, energetically, and fairly washed its own dirty linen in
private without being forced now to do it in public. All the yappings and
bleatings of the typewriter pundits and self-appointed plumed and armored
"guardians of American liberties" are now NOT GOING TO STOP THE HOUSECLEANING,
for the simple reason that economics, as General Foods had the good sense to
point out, is going to settle the argument. One hundred and fifty million
Americans are the sound and solid base upon which the whole radio industry
depends. They buy the products and services of the sponsors; they make up
the radio and TV audiences. Their continued good will cannot be bought,
wheedled, or won by bluster. It must be earned and merited. Blatherskite
columnists, editorial pundits, and radio smart alecks DO NOT SPEAK FOR ANY
ORGANIZED GROUP OF CONSUMERS OR ANY OTHER SIZABLE AMERICAN ORGANIZATION.
They speak only for themselves and that, as any smart businessman realizes,
won't sell even a can of beans.

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F. B. I. Director Hoover told a Senate Committee recently that he had a list of 12,000 dangerous subversives and could round up most of them on short notice.

Have you proper "hotel accommodations" for all of your "honored guests", Mr. Hoover?

The Swedes are usually a phlegmatic and unexcitable race but the phony peace petition put out by the commies all over the world with a "Made in Stockholm" tagline has the Swedes really riled up. They are quite proud of their beautiful capital and they bitterly resent the slick trick used by the Stalinists to take suspicion off their phony peace appeal by using the name of Sweden's capital as a deodorized cover. Tage Erlander, Socialist Premier of Sweden, complained, "It is with feelings of considerable disgust that we witness the brandishing about of the name of our capital by the communist propagandists. Actually of course this so-called 'Stockholm peace appeal' has no more connection with Stockholm or Sweden than earlier appeals emanating from so-called peace congresses in Paris or New York."

The California and Arizona Departments of the Legion at recent department conventions called for the ouster of Dean Acheson from the Secretaryship of State. The California Department charged that Acheson's policies had brought about the unprovoked aggression in Korea and otherwise endangered American security.

The Massachusetts Legislature has ordered a state investigation into the extent of communist activity in the Bay State.

Experts regard the recent so-called "break away" of LEE PRESSMAN as a phony probably designed to help clear Hiss and to destroy the credibility of Whittaker Chambers' testimony on Soviet espionage in Washington.

The two Trotskyite papers and others, who keep a fairly close eye on the activities of the Stalinists, all report that many liberals and former C.P. sympathizers who in the past lush years poured millions into commy rackets, fronts, and appeals, are now getting very cagey and tight with their money.

Labor Action points out that while the C.P. had relatively little trouble raising several million dollars last year for the defense of the eleven Politburo leaders it proved that the C. P. has to go out now and scare up the money itself, whereas formerly such fund-raising chores were handled largely by the fellow travellers and symps. This, the Trotskyites reason, means that important communists now have to be diverted from important party and subversive work and assigned exclusively to routine money-raising tasks -- a sheer waste of time from a revolutionary standpoint.

Experts have long pointed out that one of the quickest ways of curtailing communist activity, in this country at least, is to dry up their ammunition dumps, i.e., ascertain where a goodly share of their income comes from and cut it off by public exposure. It is estimated that several million dollars a year are taken out of the pockets of good Americans in the entertainment field by the royalties, fees, and salaries of communists and fellow travellers who in turn kick back sizable hunks of their inflated incomes to various C.P. fronts and activities.

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INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE

ROCKWELL KENT has been refused a passport because he had used a previous passport for purposes for which it was not issued. ROCKWELL is world's heavyweight champion as far as C.P. fronting is concerned having more citations to his name than any other living American in Appendix IX of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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DASHIELL HAMMETT

Author and Radio Mystery Writer

He is the creator of Sam Spade. The Adventures of Sam Spade program is heard on the NBC Network at 8:00 p.m., Sundays.

The sponsor of the program is: Wildroot (Creme-Oil) Company, Inc. Agency is Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn, N.Y.C.

He is also the creator of The Thin Man. This program is heard on the ABC Network Fridays, 9 to 9:30 p.m.

The sponsor of the program is the H. J. Heinz Company.

Past sponsors of programs with which Hammett has been connected are Westinghouse and Norwich Pharmacal Company.

Starting October 6th, R. J. Reynolds will sponsor The Fat Man over ABC, Fridays, 8 to 8:30. Hammett is the original author and draws heavy royalties on this program.

H. J. Lehman is President of:

Wildroot Cream Oil Company
1740 Bailey Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Henry J. Heinz, II, is President, and J. Harry Letsche is Vice President, Sales of:

H. J. Heinz Company
1062 Progress Street
Pittsburgh 12, Pennsylvania

James A. Gray is Chairman of the Board, and Edward A. Darr is Vice President, Sales, of:

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company
Winston-Salem 1,
North Carolina

The Committee On Un-American Activities of the U.S. House of Representatives, in its Review of the Scientific & Cultural Conference For World Peace, states that Dashiell Hammett has been "affiliated with from 41 to 50 communist-front organizations" - p. 18.

Among the Communist Front organizations with which Hammett has been affiliated, this report lists the following ones cited by the Attorney General as Communist and subversive:

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN
CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS
JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE (LARGEST COMMUNIST PARTY SCHOOL IN U.S.A.)

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IMPORTANT NOTES

The Four Continent Book Store has moved to 55 West 56th Street, New York. It does not handle or sell American Communist literature -- all of its vast stock of books and publications being exclusively foreign publishes, most of it from Russia. It carries New Times and a few other Soviet publications in English. Specialists, intelligence officers, and others interested in the Soviet Union are advised that this book store carries an extensive stock of Russian language periodicals. It shelves also are piled high with Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist "classics" -- all in Russian.

The Foreign Affairs Committee of the House has recently published a 52-page report indicting the Soviet Union and its communist leaders of a long and continuous record of treaty breaking and other violations of international obligations and agreements. It can be secured direct from the House Foreign Relations Committee or from your own Congressman.

The National Americanism Commission's Research staff has prepared another topical study on the COMMUNIST UNDERGROUND based on a highly important C.P. directive first published in the Communist International in 1931. It is a point by point detailed plan for American communists to carry out when the C.P. is illegalized and the party forced underground. It can be secured for twelve cents postage by applying directly to the Americanism Commission, National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana. It is available to all Summary recipients, Legionnaires requesting same on Legion stationery and intelligence and law enforcement officers.

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JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE
LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS
NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL LIBERTIES

Hammett was the national head of the LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS in 1943 - p. 3378 Executive Hearings of Dies Committee, Vol. 7.

Was Chairman, MOTION PICTURE ARTISTS' COMMITTEE, cited by California Committee on Un-American Activities as a Communist Front. p. 310, Fourth Report - Cal. Committee.

Signed a full page statement in DAILY WORKER, March 5, 1941 in defense of the Communist Party.

Hammett's latest Communist front support includes sponsorship of the CULTURAL & SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE FOR WORLD PEACE in New York in March, 1949 which was called by the U.S. State Department a sounding-board for Soviet propaganda. Listed on Official Sponsor list.

Sponsorship of the AMERICAN CONTINENTAL CONGRESS FOR PEACE held in Mexico City, September, 1949. Official Sponsor list.

THE JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE in New York City has been cited by Attorney General Clark as "adjunct of the Communist Party." This acknowledged Party School has had the services of Dashiell Hammett for several years according to the DAILY WORKER 9/27/49, p. 11, which announced he began his sixth term as a teacher, and that he had just joined the BOARD OF TRUSTEES of the JEFFERSON SCHOOL.

The following is quoted from the Fourth Report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities, page 391:

"In January of 1940, Dashiell Hammett, veteran Communist, called attention to the fact that only the Communist Daily Worker had printed a fair version of a statement in favor of the Communist Party. The statement, in part, reads as follows:

'We point out sharply that this considered campaign....for outright suppression of the Communist Party is reminiscent to the post-war hysteria which culminated in the new universally condemned Palmers raids. We raise our voices in solemn warning against denying to Communists....freedom guaranteed by the Bill of Rights'."

Chairman of dinner sponsored by CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS to honor the five defense lawyers for the 11 CP leaders in N.Y. Trial. Counterattack, #133 p. 2.

Chairman, Trustees of Bail Fund, CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS. Advanced bail money for 11 U.S. Politbureau members convicted at Foley Square, N.Y. From N.Y. TIMES 11/11/49. Citation in Red Channels.

Opposed revocation of bail for the 11 C.P. leaders. DAILY WORKER 8/25/50, p. 1.

A complete listing of Hammett's connections with known communist fronts would require at least another page or two of documentation and is therefore necessarily omitted.

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October 16, 1950

G.I.R.-1

Mr. Erle Cocke
National Commander
American Legion
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

My dear Commander:

I want to take this opportunity to express my wholehearted congratulations on your recent election as National Commander of the American Legion. You must be gratified indeed at the confidence placed in you by your fellow Legionnaires and I know you will do your utmost to carry out the Legion's program and to further the commendable endeavors of this splendid organization.

If this Bureau can be of assistance during the days that lie ahead I hope you will not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correct spelling of Cocke's first name is Erle which was obtained from file 94-1-9347. He apparently has an extremely fine WW 2 record and was a staff officer to Major General A. C. McAuliffe, the hero of the Battle of the Bulge. Cocke, himself an infantry officer, was captured three times by the Germans and actually came before a German firing squad and was left for dead. It would appear that his father was formerly State Director for Georgia of the National Emergency Council and is a prominent banker in the Atlanta area. In several cases

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State Dept. Purge Asked In Legion Vote

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 12. (AP)—The American Legion, after hours of bitter wrangling, today voted to "demand" that President Truman shake up his State Department.

The sweltering Legionnaires did not officially identify Secretary of State Dean Acheson by name or suggest his ouster. But the resolution left no doubt that is what was intended.

The resolution condemned what it termed the State Department's "failure . . . to deal adequately with the grim and bloody advance of communism throughout the world," adding:

"We submit that this failure is due fundamentally to a lack of understanding of communism, itself, and to a refusal on the part of the Secretary of State to evaluate properly the gravity of the dangers to America and all free peoples which communism presents . . ."

Dispute Over Giving Name

The Legion's retiring executive committee had urged that the resolution name Acheson by name and call for his firing. However, the foreign affairs committee toned it down somewhat. Former National Commander John Stelle, former Governor of Illinois, said: "Let's name names. Let's name Acheson."

Michael L. Rooney, Washington, D. C., delegate, led a fight in opposition of criticism of the State Department.

Said Rooney: "This majority report of the foreign relations committee is an indorsement of about 90 percent of the policies of the Administration . . . It says, in effect, that our foreign policy has met with success in most of the world."

Rooney said the "President of the United States makes our foreign policy. Why stick a knife in the back of Dean Acheson?"

National Commander George N. Craig said: "I feel it would be sacrilege to name the person meant. I think the majority of Legionnaires present do condemn and will continue to condemn that man (Secretary Acheson). I think the wording of the resolution will leave no doubt as to who is meant."

The convention, by voice vote, changed from "urge" to "demand" the wording of the key paragraph of the resolution.

Other Recommendations

Other recommendations of the foreign affairs resolution, which was passed by overwhelming but not unanimous vote on the floor, included:

Strengthening of the United Nations charter in removal of the veto power in matters pertaining to aggression.

Soviet Russia aggression to be met with atomic retaliation.

Military and other aid to western Europe, including Spain, and full diplomatic recognition of the latter country.

Nonrecognition of Red China.

Continued defense of Formosa.

Earle Cocke, Jr., 29-year-old World War II hero, was elected national commander of the Legion.

Cocke, an airlines executive from Dawson, Ga., was elected virtually without opposition by shirt-sleeved delegates, perspiring under 99-degree temperature, hot-test October 12 in history.

Cocke, accepting his unanimous election, pledged himself to carry out the Legion program. Assisting him will be five vice commanders: Herbert Jacob, Washington, D. C.; Joseph H. Adams, Miami, Fla.; Felix Pogliano, Denver, Colo.; Lewis H. Gough, Pasadena, Calif.; and Frederick Bramm, Junction City, Kans.

The Legion's highest honor—its Distinguished Service Medal—was presented to Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord of Annapolis, Md., for outstanding service in the National Guard. Gen. Reckord was provost marshal in the European theater and now is adjutant general of Maryland.

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TO : D. M. LADD
FROM : L. R. PENNINGTON

DATE: October 12, 1950

SUBJECT: COMMENDATION OF THE DIRECTOR AND THE BUREAU

At the National Convention of the American Legion at Los Angeles, California, on October 11, 1950, the following resolution was passed concerning the Bureau:

"WHEREAS, For more than a quarter of a century the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the able leadership of J. Edgar Hoover as its Director, has proved its devotion to those principles of Americanism which we hold as our own; and

"WHEREAS, The American Legion has placed unqualified and absolute confidence in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, its Director, J. Edgar Hoover and his co-workers, to discharge successfully grave responsibilities, with the cooperation, aid and assistance of every law-abiding person in the nation; and

"WHEREAS, For more than a quarter of a century we of the Legion have cooperated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in protecting the security of our beloved country, secure in the knowledge that our contributions would receive merited attention and action; and

"WHEREAS, Recent disclosures of FBI operations through public court proceedings have served to strengthen our approval of the efficiency and objectivity of its methods and personnel;

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950, that The American Legion reaffirms its faith in, and gives a vote of confidence and approbation to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover, its Director, and his co-workers for the Bureau's efforts to expose and suppress successfully subversive agencies that seek to destroy our freedom; that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and J. Edgar Hoover, its Director, and his co-workers be encouraged to continue their highly commendable efforts in the public interest of ferreting out those individuals who are possessed of Communistic ideologies and engaged in subversive activities."

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There was rather vociferous applause when this resolution was read.

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Mr. D. M. Ladd
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

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CAUTION: Not to be released until approved by the convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON
AMERICANISM

To the Thirty-Second Annual National Convention, The American Legion,
Los Angeles, California, October 9-12, 1950.

39 members of your Committee on Americanism met at 6:00 p.m., October 9,
1950, in Committee Room East Dining Hall in the Patriotic Hall and agreed on the
following report which is respectfully submitted for your consideration:

Archie M. Closson, Department of California, was elected as Chairman
and J. Walter LeCraw of the Department of Georgia, was elected Secretary.

Resolution No. 20 (Italy) -- Priority To Sons of U. S. Veterans In
Italian Immigration Quotas, was rejected as being too limited and too
discriminatory.

Resolution No. 122 (Maryland) -- Constitution Day (September 17) Be A
National Holiday, was rejected as the Committee considered a full fledged holiday
was not needed.

Resolution No. 148 (North Dakota) -- Loyalty Oath Be Required From
Officials in Government, Educational Institutions, etc., was rejected as action
concerning federal officials is now being taken and action for states and other
sub-divisions of government is a matter of local interest and should be considered
by local and state authorities.

Resolution No. 199 (Arizona) -- Urge Enactment of S. 2311, A Bill To
Protect U. S. Against Un-American Activities, be rejected as subject matter is
already covered by recent legislation.

Resolution No. 204 (Arizona) -- Responsibility For Loyalty Checks Be
Transferred to House Committee On Un-American Activities, be rejected due to the
fact that the investigation of employees in the executive department of the govern-
ment is a matter for the executive department.

Resolution No. 216 (Arkansas) -- Legislation Governing Military Secrets,
was rejected as subject matter is already covered by recent legislation.

Resolution No. 236 (Iowa) -- November 11 Be Designated For An Armistice
Day Observance For W.W. I and W.W. II, be rejected for the reason that so many
who were in W.W. II might feel discriminated again
vars be on the same day.

Resolution No. 237 (Kansas) -- Subversive Acti
be rejected as subject matter is covered by recent logi

Resolution No. 263 (Oklahoma) -- November 11 Be Designated As American
Victory Day To Commemorate Both W.W. I And W.W. II, be rejected for the reason that
so many who were in W. W. II might feel discriminated against should observance of
both wars be on the same day.

Resolution No. 264 (Oklahoma) -- Penalties For Treasonable Acts In Time of
Peace Be Made The Same As For Such Acts In Time Of War, be rejected for the reason
that treason in time of peace is not recognized.

Resolution No. 360 (Washington) -- Priority Legislation Concerning
Exclusion And Deportation Of Communist Aliens, be rejected matter is covered by
recent legislation.

Resolution No. 362 (Washington) -- All Records And Files of National
Headquarters Regarding Identity Of Communists, etc. Be Made Public, be rejected
as impossible of implementation.

Resolution No. 417 (Illinois) -- Compulsory Finger Printing, be rejected
for the reason not practical for implementation.

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Resolution No. 472 (California) -- Federal Registration of Communists and Communistic Organizations, be rejected as being covered by recent legislation.

Resolution No. 522 (Wisconsin) -- Endorse S.2311, The Mundt-Ferguson Bill to Control Communism, be rejected because subject matter is covered by recent legislation.

Resolution No. 523 (Wisconsin) -- Deplore Unfounded Name-Calling of People with Whom We Disagree, be rejected as being a matter of individual conduct.

Resolution No. 557 (Massachusetts) -- Loop Holes Under Present Laws Governing Displaced Persons, be rejected because Committee considered the Resolution was not sufficiently specific.

Resolution No. 594 (New Jersey) -- Amend Statute of Limitation For Treason Cases, be rejected as being already covered by recent legislation.

Resolution No. 666 (Virginia) -- Immediate Enactment of Mundt-Nixon Bill, be rejected as subject matter is covered by recent legislation.

Resolution No. 667 (Virginia) -- Imprison Or Deport Dangerous Aliens, be rejected as impractical of implementation.

Resolution No. 679 (Virginia) -- Creation of A Board To Investigate Loyalty Of Every Government Employee, be rejected as subject matter is covered by legislation recently in action.

Resolution No. 234 (Iowa) -- Enrollment Date In School For Participation In Junior Baseball; Resolution No. 248 (Missouri) -- Adopt Official Flag For Boys State; Resolution No. 249 (Missouri) -- Advance Age Limit In Junior Baseball; Resolution No. 292 (Minnesota) -- Disqualification Of A Team With Paid Players In Junior Baseball Tournaments; Resolution No. 329 (Arkansas) -- Age Limit Rule In Junior Baseball Be Modified; Resolution No. 524 (Wisconsin) -- Change Rule 3 In Junior Baseball; Resolution No. 625 (Texas) -- Junior Baseball Program Of A Post Located On State Boundary Lines; Resolution No. 308 (New York) -- Prosecution Of Treasonable Acts Against the U.S.; Resolution No. 394 (Illinois) -- Civilians Convicted of Treason During National Crisis Receive Penalties Comparable To Those Of Armed Services; Resolution No. 405 (Illinois) -- Combat Counterfeiting and Forgery In The U.S.; Resolution No. 413 (Illinois) -- Disbar All Lawyers, Judges or Court Attaches Engaged in Subversive Activities; and Resolution No. 414 (Illinois) -- Stop Entry of Displaced Persons Until Citizens of U.S. Are Employed and Housed, were all referred to the National Americanism Commission for study and report.

Resolutions Nos. 35 (Nebraska), 147 (North Dakota), 198 (Wyoming) and 202 (Arizona), all pertaining to racial discrimination against our Indian people, were consolidated and adopted by using the text of Resolution No. 35 (Nebraska) -- Repeal Laws Discriminating Against Indians, as follows:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of the Act of June 2, 1924 (43 Stat. 253), all Indians born within the territorial limits of the United States are made citizens of the United States, and

WHEREAS, Indian veterans of the United States responded to the call of their country in time of need and served creditably in its wars, and

WHEREAS, during all such service, the Indian serviceman was treated on an equal basis with his fellow countrymen,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in convention assembled that definite steps be taken by The American Legion to initiate action for the repeal of laws which discriminate against persons of Indian blood.

Resolutions Nos. 40 (Ohio), 82 (Arkansas), 106 (Indiana), 107 (Indiana), 108 (Indiana), 109 (Indiana), 130 (Nevada), 132 (North Carolina), 151 (Pennsylvania), 309 (New York), 393 (Michigan), 400 (Illinois), 467 (California), 542 (Delaware), 602 (Oregon), and 627 (Texas), all pertaining to the Outlawing of the Communist Party and other subversive organizations, were consolidated and rewritten, using Reg. No. 40 in the following language, and adopted:

WHEREAS, There is a distinction between the rights of free speech, press and assemblage, and the right of organizing to overthrow the government that guarantees these rights; and

WHEREAS, The Communist organization, its affiliates and its every member, are definitely established as a working conspiracy directing their every effort toward the overthrow of the United States government by force and violence, and

WHEREAS, The security and defense of our nation is being endangered by a Communist fifth column operating throughout the length and breadth of the United States and particularly in the heavy industrial and maritime centers,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion, in National Convention assembled in Los Angeles, October 9-12, calls upon the Congress and the President of the United States to outlaw the Communist Party of the United States as being the agent of a foreign government engaged in a criminal conspiracy for the overthrow of the United States government, and further demands that the Congress and the President take immediate steps for the internment of every known member of the Communist Party in the United States.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge and request the Congress of the United States of America, if necessary to initiate a constitutional amendment to be submitted to the several states for adoption to outlaw the Communist Party of the U. S. A., all subversive organizations and their front organizations or other groups who do or may advocate the overthrow of our form of government by force or violence or any unlawful means.

Resolutions Nos. 41 (Ohio) and 86 (D. of C.) were consolidated and adopted using the language of Resolution No. 86, Change Date of Armed Forces Day, as follows:

WHEREAS, Participation by veterans organizations and other patriotic groups of civilians in Armed Forces Day is highly desirable and in the interests of the country;

WHEREAS, The fixing of Armed Forces Day during the latter part of May, a period during which veterans and other patriotic organizations are preparing for Memorial Day celebrations, renders it difficult to do proper justice to both celebrations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion, in National Convention assembled, that the President and Secretary of Defense be urged to fix, in the future years, a different date for the celebration of Armed Forces Day, sufficiently removed in time from Memorial Day or other established patriotic celebrations to assure for them an adequate participation by veterans and other patriotic organizations.

Resolutions Nos. 57 (South Dakota) and 465 (California) were consolidated and adopted using the language of Resolution No. 57, Commend Federal Judge Harold Medina, as follows:

WHEREAS, Judge Harold R. Medina, trial judge in the case of the United States against eleven Communists charged and convicted of trying to destroy this nation, did conduct the trial with fairness, favor to none, honesty and high honor, and

WHEREAS, He has been maliciously criticized, mercilessly castigated and unwarrantedly maligned by the Communist press, much of the so-called "liberal press", and by individuals and groups who lean to the Communist line,

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By this 32nd National Convention that The American Legion commend Judge Medina for his able conduct of the above mentioned trial.

Resolution No. 64 (Canada) -- U. S. Veterans of Friendly Countries Re-Enter U. S. Without Regard to Quota, was adopted as follows:

(1) RESOLVED, That honorably discharged veterans of the U. S. Armed Forces who served the U. S. in time of War, living outside the territorial limits of the U. S., and who are not citizens of the U. S., and are bonafide residents of a country friendly to the U. S., may re-enter the U. S. as aliens without regard to quota to take up permanent residence therein, subject to the approval of the Immigration Department and after investigation as to their present loyalty to the United States

(2) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That veterans who benefit by the above legislation shall be veterans who were either inducted into the Armed Services or honorably discharged from the Armed Services within the territorial limits of the U. S. Veterans benefiting from this legislation, therefore, will be only those veterans who were formerly legal residents of the U. S.

(3) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That wives and minor children of any U. S. veterans as designated in Clauses (1) and (2) may enter the U. S. as aliens with such veterans to take up permanent residence in the U. S.

Resolution No. 133 (North Carolina) -- Commend Department of Justice for Conviction of Traitors Who Broadcast During W. W. II, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Justice was most capable, efficient and diligent in the apprehension and conviction of traitors who broadcast during World War II in both the European and Pacific areas,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion in National Convention assembled this 9-10-11-12 days of October, 1950, in Los Angeles, California, do commend the Department of Justice for this service to our country.

Resolution No. 149 (Pennsylvania) -- Regulation of Immigrants Admitted Under Special Or Temporary Visas, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Under existent immigration laws there are many and devious provisions under which admission to the United States can be and is gained, including temporary as well as permanent residence; and

WHEREAS, Means for regulation and recording conformation with conditions under which admission is permitted are both inadequate and insufficient; and

WHEREAS, There is reason to believe that non-conformance by and on the part of both immigrants and sponsors of those on special visas is flagrant offense against the national security, national economic and internal tranquility,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion, in Thirty-Second Annual Convention assembled, October 9-12, 1950, proposes that legislation be enacted and sufficient money be appropriated by Congress to provide for adequate regulation of the conduct and activities of all immigrants for reasonable length of time after admission under special or temporary visas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the proper officials be mandated to take action to gain the consummation of the purposes of these resolutions.

Resolutions Nos. 150 (Pennsylvania), 363 (Washington), 402 (Illinois), 526 (Wisconsin), 546 (Idaho), were consolidated and adopted as Resolution No. 402 Continue Vigorous Investigation Of Loyalty Of All Governmental Personnel, as follows:

WHEREAS, In the recent investigations of governmental personnel by the Loyalty Commission set up by the President for that purpose, has published that of several million employees investigated, a comparatively small number have been found lacking in loyal adherence to our philosophy of a Republican form of government in a Democracy; and

WHEREAS, Much doubt and question has been raised by the American public that greater and more careful screening is needed in carrying on this loyalty program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950, that The American Legion urge it upon the President of the United States and the Chairman of the Loyalty Commission and his associates to continue with redoubled efforts the important work of the Loyalty Commission.

Resolution No. 152 (Pennsylvania) -- Legislation to Insure No Discrimination In Education Opportunities, was adopted as amended as follows:

WHEREAS, Equality of opportunity is basic premise of American democracy; and

WHEREAS, Many Americans are being deprived of the right of full education because of their race, religion or national origin; and

WHEREAS, There have been differences in the opportunities offered which have cost the United States a heavy price in the waste of human resources and renders more difficult the attainment of a well-informed, alert citizenry;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Los Angeles, October 9-12, 1950, urges full educational opportunities for all citizens from elementary schools through the college and university level.

Resolutions Nos. 81 (Arkansas), 191 (Tennessee) and 684, all pertaining to the subject of Federal Aid To Education Without Federal Control, were consolidated and adopted with resolution No. 191 which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, There are several million children in the United States who are receiving a sub-standard educational opportunity, and

WHEREAS, The resulting waste in our human resources at this critical period in our nation's history is a serious handicap to the preservation of the American way and constitutes a threat to our existence as a free people, and

WHEREAS, In some states and in many communities it will not be possible to finance an adequate program of education without the participation of the Federal Government in the support of schools.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, By The American Legion, in National Convention assembled, that it reiterate the stand taken at the San Francisco National Convention, and urge the Congress of the United States to enact at the earliest possible moment legislation which will provide Federal aid to education without federal control and with full preservation of the accepted American principle of the local management of schools.

Resolution No. 197 (Wyoming) -- National Americanization Program, was adopted as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9-12, 1950, that the Americanism Commission of The American Legion formulate, propose, and enact, alone or together with other industrial, civic, educational, or patriotic groups, a national Americanization program for the purpose of educating and familiarizing immigrants in the American standard way of life as against European socialism or any other foreign political philosophies.

Resolution No. 200 (Arizona) -- Death Penalty for Crimes of Espionage, Sabotage and Treason In Time of Peace As In Time of War, was adopted as amended by changing the word "treason" to "sedition", as follows:

WHEREAS, The present federal laws provide insufficient penalties for those convicted of the crimes of espionage, sabotage and or sedition, in time of peace, as evidenced by recent convictions, and the penalties imposed by the courts on those so convicted, and

WHEREAS, Information transmitted, in time of peace, to powers, inimical to our form of government, may be used by them in time of war, and

WHEREAS, By the use of such information, particularly of a military nature, such inimical powers may seek to destroy our constitutional authorities, and cause hardships and distress to our people, and

WHEREAS, Our courts punish those convicted of the crime of murder, by imposing the penalty of death, and

WHEREAS, We consider the crimes of espionage, sabotage and or sedition more heinous than that of murder as such crimes committed in time of peace, may be the cause of the destruction of whole communities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion at National Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950 exert all efforts at its command for passage of Federal legislation, by which the death penalty may be imposed on those convicted of the crimes of espionage, sabotage and sedition, committed in time of peace, as well as on those convicted of the same crimes committed in time of war.

Resolutions Nos. 201 (Arizona) 238 (Kansas); 411 (Illinois), 664 (Virginia), 665 (Virginia), all pertaining to Commendation of the FBI and to their Director J. Edgar Hoover, were rewritten and adopted as Res. No. 201 -- Commend J. Edgar Hoover and FBI, as follows:

WHEREAS, For more than a quarter of a century the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the able leadership of J. Edgar Hoover as its Director, has proved its devotion to those principles of Americanism which we hold as our own; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has placed unqualified and absolute confidence in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, its Director, J. Edgar Hoover and his co-workers, to discharge successfully grave responsibilities, with the cooperation, aid and assistance of every law-abiding person in the nation; and

WHEREAS, For more than a quarter of a century we of the Legion have cooperated with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in protecting the security of our beloved country; secure in the knowledge that our contributions would receive merited attention and action; and

WHEREAS, Recent disclosures of FBI operations through public court proceedings have served to strengthen our approval of the efficiency and objectivity of its methods and personnel;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950, that The American Legion reaffirms its faith in, and gives a vote of confidence and approbation to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover, its Director, and his co-workers for the Bureau's efforts to expose and suppress successfully subversive agencies that seek to destroy our freedom; that the Federal Bureau of Investigation and J. Edgar Hoover, its Director, and his co-workers be encouraged to continue their highly commendable efforts, in the public interest of ferreting out those individuals who are possessed of Communistic ideologies and engaged in subversive activities.

Resolutions Nos. 203 (Arizona) and 365 (Washington) were consolidated and adopted by using the verbage of amended Resolution No. 203 -- Communists in U. S. Be Apprehended, as follows:

WHEREAS, It is the belief of The American Legion, that the Communist Party of the United States is not a political party in the sense that the Democratic, the Republican, the Socialist and the Prohibition Parties are legitimate political organizations, but on the contrary is an organization dedicated to the destruction of our present form of government through force and violence, and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is pledged to continuously and actively combat Communism in the United States, and

WHEREAS, It is our belief that every American citizen who is a member of the Communist Party is a traitor to his country and every alien in the United States who is a member of the Communist Party is an active enemy of our country, and

WHEREAS, The United States of America, through the United Nations, is now engaged in an undeclared but very real war against world Communism, and every Communist in the United States is a threat to our national security,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion, National Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9-10-11-12, 1950, that legislation be enacted immediately by Congress, namely, that all known Communists within the U. S. and its territories and possessions be immediately taken into custody and placed in suitable places of detention for reasons of national security; and that all Communists who are American citizens be placed on trial as traitors to the U. S., of America; and that all Communists in the U. S. who are not citizens of our country be treated as enemy spies.

Resolution No. 219 (Connecticut) -- Continuance Physical Training Program For Young Americans, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Physical fitness and intelligent discipline are essential both to civilian and military fitness and effectiveness, as well as to the safety of the individual; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That we encourage a program of continuous physical training for young Americans in schools, organizations and Communities which will build a foundation for the strength they will need in time of peace as in time of war, at this Thirty-second Annual Convention of The American Legion convened at Los Angeles, California, those 9, 10, 11 and 12th days of October, 1950.

Resolution No. 256 (New Mexico) -- Pro-Communist Activities In U. S. Government Offices, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Pro-Communist activities have been allowed to flourish in certain Departments of our national administration in Washington, and

WHEREAS, These activities have militated against the security of America here and abroad, and

WHEREAS, Americans are now fighting and dying to preserve democratic freedom, now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the 32nd Annual National Convention of The American Legion urges the removal from Government office of any executive official in any Department of our national government under whom Communist activities have been allowed to operate, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any official of the Federal Government in any executive capacity who knowingly tolerates, or provides protection for, Communists within the functions of his Department should be immediately separated from the duties of his office.

Resolution No. 361 (Washington) -- Immediate passage of Hobbs Bill, was adopted as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED by The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Los Angeles, California, October 9-12, 1950, that H.R. 10, known as the Hobbs Bill (which has already passed the House and is now in the Senate of the United States), which deals with alien subversives who, for technical reasons, cannot be deported but who have been convicted of deportable subversive and criminal acts, be placed under the subversion of the Attorney General of the United States as provided in said Hobbs Bill, be immediately passed by the Senate before the adjournment of the current session.

Resolution No. 364 (Washington) -- Deplore Release From Jail of Harry Bridges, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Harry Bridges, convicted perjurer, Communist Party card carrier, and articulate foe of the American Way of Life, has been released from jail;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Los Angeles, California, October 9-12, 1950 that we deplore the release from jail of Harry Bridges which affords him the opportunity to further his well-known policy of obstructing our nation's war effort against Communism now raging in Korea and permits him to continue to spread his un-American propaganda.

Resolution No. 395 (Illinois) -- Commend William Green For Leadership On Behalf of Labor Against the Forces of Communism, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The Forces of Communism both abroad and within our territory limits, have been working feverishly using means possible to organize labor throughout the world including those in the United States who overthrow their free peace loving governments with a view to bringing them into and under the dictatorship of Communist Russia; and

WHEREAS, William Green, President of The American Federation of Labor, has stood like a solid rock against every effort on the part of the Communists to secure control of the American Federation of Labor; and

WHEREAS, William Green has exposed the world federation of trade union as a working arm of the Communist Plot against nations; and

WHEREAS, United effectively with Phil Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations both leading American Labor unions withdrew membership in the W.F.T.U. and have now organized jointly a new group of federal trade unions throughout the world who fight Communism on every front; and

WHEREAS, William Green and the American Federation of Labor have stood side by side with The American Legion in defense of American principles and against Communism, Fascism, Socialism and any other ism except Americanism, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950, that William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, be commended for his outstanding service and leadership on behalf of American labor and all laboring people throughout the world in their courageous stand against the forces of Communism.

Resolution No. 396 (Illinois) -- Publicity Campaign to Register and Vote, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The Right of franchise is a privilege which should be expressed by all Americans; and

WHEREAS, The freedom of the ballot box is the guarantee of freedom of the press, speech, religion, and peaceful assembly; and

WHEREAS, Americans seem to place a low value on this priceless heritage which is the foundation stone of our Republican form of government in a Democracy; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950, that we initiate a publicity campaign and call upon the citizenry to register and vote in the coming general election on November 7, 1950, thereby exercising an important civic obligation.

Resolutions Nos. 397 (Illinois) and 415 (Illinois) were consolidated and adopted by using the language of Resolution No. 397 -- Educational Program in Flag Etiquette Urged, as follows:

WHEREAS, The subject of Flag etiquette is an important aspect of the Americanism program of The American Legion; and

WHEREAS, The American Legionnaire is looked upon by the citizenry as the one to follow in matters of Flag etiquette; and

WHEREAS, There still continues much misunderstanding among many Legionnaires as to the proper manner of salute in various situations as they arise; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has sought by the legislation in Congress to amend Section 5 of P. L. 829 which concerns itself with correct manner of salute, for some time, but without success; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950, that we do urge the National Americanism Commission to carry on a spirited educational program and other appropriate action necessary to correct the present misunderstanding with regard to Flag etiquette and secure necessary legislation thereon.

Resolution No. 399 (Illinois) -- Commend Press, Radio and Television For Promotion of Americanism Program of Legion, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The Americanism Program of the Department of The American Legion depends upon favorable and prompt publicity for its successful completion; and

WHEREAS, The press, radio and television have contributed much in the way of time for sustaining Americanism programs wherein were disseminated information of American Legion Americanism projects

such as programs on all patriotic holidays, Oratorical and Essay Contests, Junior Baseball, Subversive Hate Groups, Activities, and on other Americanism Subjects as well.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950 that we the delegates do hereby express our grateful thanks to the press, radio and television for their fine endeavors in giving publicity to the Americanism program of The American Legion.

Resolution No. 401 (Illinois) -- Disbar Members of National Lawyers Guild Who Follow Communist Line, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The penetration of the Communist National Lawyers Guild into the legal profession has been characterized by Edgar Hoover as amazing, having been used to parrot the Communist Party Line; and

WHEREAS, The National Lawyers Guild has been constantly and with good reason attacked as a Communist front; and

WHEREAS, The Attorney General of the United States has been called upon to publish the facts about this Communist front, the National Lawyers Guild; and

WHEREAS, the legal profession composed in the vast majority of loyal Americans is being dealt a "black eye" because of disloyalty of the National Lawyers Guild;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950, that the Attorney General be strongly urged to cite the National Lawyers Guild as a Communist front; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That The American Legion through its duly authorized representative at National, Department and local levels, call upon the American Bar Association, the various State and local bars to file disbarment proceedings against those members in the National Lawyers Guild who follow the Communist line.

Resolution No. 403 (Illinois) -- Continue Un-American Activities Committee of House of Representatives, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The American Legion has been actively in the front line of the battle to support and maintain the Un-American Activities Committee of the House of Representatives in its fight against subversive individuals and groups; and

WHEREAS, This Congressional Committee in the past has made substantial contribution to the safety and welfare of our country and to the perpetuity of its institutions in that it has been instrumental in providing evidence resulting in the convictions of subversive individuals and exposing of other subversive groups aligned with the Communist conspiracy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950 that we do hereby insist and demand that the House of Representatives continue the Un-American Activities Committee and that sufficient appropriations be provided for its work; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the membership of The American Legion acquaint itself with the work of the House Un-American Activities Committee and thereby be better equipped to meet its carping critics.

Resolution No. 404 (Illinois) -- Program To Alert Our Citizens to Need For Tolerance and Unity, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The American Legion in National Convention has consistently approved resolutions on the subject of Tolerance,

aiming to create better understanding among all our people; and

WHEREAS, In the present perilous and dangerous period of our country's welfare, there is greater need for unity among all our people in order that our defense efforts receive greater emphasis and concentration; and

WHEREAS, The American public has not been alerted to the divisive forces which today seek to array class against class, race against race and creed against creed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950 that the National Americanism Commission draw up plans to take affirmative action in carrying out the purposes and intent of our resolutions on this subject by holding seminars similar to the All-American Conferences, or to carry on a publicity campaign using such facilities as are available.

Resolution No. 406 (Illinois) — Exclusion of Scurrilous and Indecent Literature from Mails, adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Indecent and filthy articles and literature do much to undermine the morals of a large number of young and old Americans in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Post Master General under H.R. 8767, recently passed by Congress, is thereby given the right to return obscene, lewd, indecent and scurrilous articles, devices or literature of any kind sent by a person under his true name, or under some corporate name;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950, that The American Legion membership cooperate with the Post Master General in ridding the mails from obscene and indecent literature.

Resolutions Nos. 407 (Illinois) and 626 (Texas) were consolidated and adopted by using the text of Resolution No. 626 (Texas) — American History Be a Required Subject in High Schools and Colleges, as amended as follows:

WHEREAS, At this time of national peril and during all other periods in the history of our Nation it is necessary in order to inculcate true Americanism in the minds of the youth of our Country that they be fully instructed in American History for at least two years, and the ideals taught; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by The American Legion, in Convention assembled at Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1950, That American History be taught as a required subject in our high schools and colleges as a prerequisite to graduation of a student from high school and the granting of a degree from a state or privately supported institution of higher learning; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be furnished by the National Americanism Commission to all Departments of The American Legion, to be transmitted by the Departments to the governing state Boards of Education, the Boards of Regents or Directors of each institution of higher learning and to each member of the Legislature of the respective states.

Resolution No. 408 (Illinois) — Commend National Education Association and Affiliates For Barring Communists From Membership, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The National Education Association, the largest professional teachers organization, voted overwhelmingly in its recent convention to bar Communists and other subversives from membership therein; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is highly appreciative of the solicitude for our nation's welfare which the National Education

Association has demonstrated by such course;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950 that we do hereby commend the teachers of America, the National Education Association and its affiliates for their patriotic action in barring Communists and other subversives from their membership.

Resolution No. 409 (Illinois) -- Commend Members of American Teaching Profession for Support of Legion's Americanism Program, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The teaching profession of the United States has overwhelmingly supported The American Legion Americanism Program in schools to cite a few, such as the Oratorical, Essay School Medal Awards, Junior Baseball Contests, etc.; and

WHEREAS, The various teacher organizations such as the National Education Association and its various State affiliates have supported The American Legion in its fight against subversive groups;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950 that we do hereby commend the members of the American teaching profession, their organizations, the National Education Association and its various state affiliates, for their hearty support of the Americanism program of The American Legion.

Resolution No. 410 (Illinois) -- Refuse Permits to Subversive Groups to Hold Meetings in Public Buildings or to Parade, adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, The Communist Party in the United States is not a society of free citizens organized for lawful purposes, but is an organization owing allegiance to a foreign government and whose objective is to destroy our form of government and our way of life and subject us to the domination of that foreign government, and substitute their alien philosophy for our American philosophy of Freedom, not by persuasion and peaceable precept, but by economic and physical force; and

WHEREAS, Meetings called to further Communistic purposes are not peaceable assemblies of citizens guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, but are trysts and congregations of conspirators dedicated to the destruction of our liberties, at the bidding of an alien power dedicated to the enslavement of the world; and

WHEREAS, The meetings of Communist front organizations are for the purpose of aiding the aforesaid destructive aims and purposes of the Communist Party itself, and to disguise their purposes to better serve the purposes of that alien state and to conceal their treasonable acts and designs; and

WHEREAS, Communist Party and Communist front parades are likewise aimed at furthering the said treasonable purposes; and

WHEREAS, Such meetings and such parades promote discord and dissention and foster espionage and treason, and menace the peace of the world;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950 that all officials of the United States, of any of the counties, cities, park districts, school districts, or any other municipal body, or any other institution supported in whole or in part by tax moneys, who have the custody of any places of assembly or have authority to issue permits for the use thereof, be memorialized and urged to deny permits to any Communist Party group or Communist front group which has been so designated by the Attorney General

of the United States, or the Un-American Activities Committee of the Congress or any other lawful committee of the Congress to use any building or other place of assembly and that all such officials having authority to issue permits for parades deny such permits to any Communist Party or Communist front group; and that all persons having control of private halls or other places of assembly, be appealed to in the interest of preserving our liberties, to deny rental of their properties to all Communist Party and Communist front groups.

Resolution No. 416 (Illinois) -- Letter writing campaign to Inform World's People of America's True Purposes, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, In Russia and in its satellite countries the people are kept in ignorance of America's true purposes and are fed with untrue and vicious propaganda concerning our desires to help in the creation of an enduring world peace; and

WHEREAS, In 1948 the Department of Illinois, American Legion through its Americanism Commission undertook a successful letter writing campaign to Italy by Americans of Italian extraction, whereby they wrote thousands of letters to their relatives and friends in Italy which disabused the minds of their Italian relatives and friends, of the false and duplicitous statements and claims made against the United States by the Italian Communist and his world follower; and

WHEREAS, This letter writing campaign should be undertaken on a larger scale to wit: by every citizen or alien residing in the United States writing to their relatives and friends in their native country; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion at National, through its administrative services such as the National Americanism Commission and the National Security Commission and the Foreign Relations Committee can more effectively organize and cooperate with this letter writing project on a national basis; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950 that this letter writing project throughout the world be organized and coordinated by the National Headquarters of The American Legion.

Resolutions Nos. 418 (Illinois) and 540 (Wisconsin) were consolidated and adopted as Resolution No. 418 (Illinois) -- Urge National To Provide Funds To Make Reports of Regional Conferences on Un-American Activities Available, as follows:

WHEREAS, The National Americanism Commission has sponsored Regional conferences on Un-American and Subversive activities in order to counteract such activities, and

WHEREAS, One of such conferences was recently held in Chicago and it is understood that information valuable in connecting subversive groups was developed by this conference, and

WHEREAS, We believe that unless this information is disseminated among and made available to the several Posts, it will not have accomplished its full purpose,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950 that we urge the National Department of The American Legion to provide such funds as be necessary and make available the reports of these Regional Conferences to all Posts.

Resolutions Nos. 463 (Illinois) and 469 (California) were consolidated and adopted by using the text of Resolution No. 463 (Illinois, as amended, COMMEND ATTORNEY GENERAL OF U. S. FOR CONVICTION OF HARRY BRIDGES, as follows:

WHEREAS, Harry Bridges, president of the International Union of Seamen and Dockers, whose bad record as a disrupter of healthy and peaceful relations between labor and management, has covered a long period of years; and

WHEREAS, Harry Bridges, recently convicted as a perjurer, is not a true representative of the labor movement which has, with very few exceptions, maintained a strong opposition to Communism, Fascism, or other Totalitarian forms of government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, that we commend the Attorney General of the United States for the successful prosecution and conviction of Harry Bridges (president of the International Longshoremen and Warehousemen's Union), and removing him.

Resolution No. 464 (Illinois) -- Appreciation To William Randolph Hearst, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, William Randolph Hearst, publisher and distinguished American, has continued again this year as in past year, with vigor, courage and without stint, to encourage and support all Americanism projects of The American Legion and those of the National Americanism Commission, and

WHEREAS, The William Randolph Hearst newspapers continuously and faithfully with energy and intellectual force have opposed every subversive group and agency bent on undermining our form of government, our social, political and economic systems, and

WHEREAS, William Randolph Hearst has again provided the Hearst Trophy which is awarded annually to the Department in The American Legion excelling in Americanism activities, and

WHEREAS, William Randolph Hearst has always believed that the most valuable heritage which he can hand down unimpaired to posterity is our form of government with all its ideals, as bequeathed to us by the founding fathers, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in Convention assembled in Los Angeles, California, October 9, 10, 11, 12, 1950 that we do hereby congratulate William Randolph Hearst and his co-workers on their high standard of Americanism; and further, we do express the thanks and appreciation of the American Legion membership to William Randolph Hearst for his courageous, friendly and constant cooperation in every program of The American Legion which he has always supported on behalf of the continued progress, maintenance and development of our basic governmental institutions and American way of life.

Resolution No. 466 (California) -- Resolution of Appreciation For the Program Of The Motion Picture Industry In Support of American Principles and Against Communism, was adopted as amended as follows:

WHEREAS, The National organization of The American Legion, in furtherance of its program of Americanism, has made frequent requests that the Motion Picture Industry use its tremendous facilities for public information in the fight for American principles and against Communism, and

WHEREAS, The Motion Picture Industry has responded to those requests by the production in 1949 and 1950 of such anti-Communist films as: BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN (20th Century Fox), THE RED MENACE (Republic), I MARRIED A COMMUNIST (RKO), THE RED DILUDE (MGM), Guilty of treason (Eagle-Lion), and THE CONSPIRATOR (MGM).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion express its appreciation to the above mentioned producers and urge them to continue their efforts.

Resolution No. 470 (California) -- Suitable Citation to Congressman Nixon For His Patriotic Service, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, Events of recent weeks have demonstrated the need for greater vigilance against subversive activities in our nation, and

WHEREAS, Through the untiring efforts and perseverance of Congressman Richard M. Nixon of California of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Alger Hiss was brought to justice, and

WHEREAS, Congressman Nixon has joined with Senator Karl Mundt of South Dakota in drafting and sponsoring legislation which it is generally recognized presents the best and most effective method of curbing and exposing Communist activities in the United States, and

WHEREAS, The National Executive Committee of The American Legion and the 1949 National Convention of The American Legion have heartily endorsed the said Mundt-Nixon Bill

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Los Angeles, California, October 9-12, 1950, does hereby commend Congressman Richard M. Nixon of California for his determined and diligent efforts in bringing to the attention of the American public the Alger Hiss subversion and for the introduction and energetic efforts in behalf of the Anti-Subversive Bill and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the National Department award a suitable citation to Congressman Nixon for his patriotic service.

Resolution No. 471 (California) -- Denial Of Restoration of Citizenship To Certain Japanese, was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, It has been proposed that some 4200 American born Japanese who voluntarily renounced their American citizenship after Japan declared war on the United States now be restored to full United States citizenship, and

WHEREAS, It is our belief that such persons are not of proper caliber for U. S. citizenship,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Los Angeles, California, October 9-12, 1950, that the U. S. Congress be importuned to take proper action to prevent granting of citizenship to such persons, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be expedited as quickly as possible.

Resolution No. 525 (Wisconsin) -- Winners In National Oratorical Contest Be Barred From Further Department Contests: was adopted as follows:

WHEREAS, It is possible for a contestant in The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest to be a winner of the Department Oratorical Contest as many as four times, and

WHEREAS, Such participation in the case of an outstanding contestant tends to discourage participation in said contest by other contestants, and

WHEREAS, It is felt that a more stimulating effort will be injected into said contest if some measure is taken to prevent winning contestants again repeating,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, By The American Legion in National Convention assembled at Los Angeles, California, as follows:

That contestants in said Oratorical Contest who have been first place winners in National Finals be barred from further competition

The Committee discussed at some length a matter brought to it from the delegation from Virginia, Comrade C. M. Dancey, Jr., pertaining to the alleged reference in some American Legion literature in reference to colored Posts and colored Legionnaires as being discriminatory. It was suggested that the Convention Americanism Committee call this to the attention of all Legion publications in an effort to eliminate racial references.

Resolution No. 709 (Convention Americanism Committee) -- Urge National Finance Committee To Allocate Sufficient Additional Funds For Counter Subversive Activities, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The American Legion is vitally interested in safeguarding our internal security, and

WHEREAS, International Communism is engaged in a world-wide propaganda war of un-paralleled magnitude against the United States and its institutions, and

WHEREAS, The American Legion in convention assembled, has repeatedly deplored the apathy with which its efforts to eradicate Communism has been received, and

WHEREAS, The tremendous increase of work and requests for help from Legion sub-divisions made upon the Americanism Commission have made it imperative that additional funds be made available and ear-marked for the counter-subversive activities, in order that The American Legion may fully and effectively carry out its responsibilities in this vital activity,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That The American Legion in Convention assembled October 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1950, strongly urge and recommend that the National Finance Committee allocate reasonable and sufficient additional funds to the Americanism Commission to the end that the counter-subversive activities may be carried on in proper relationship with the needs of the times.

Resolution No. 710 (Convention Americanism Committee) -- Amend Nationality Act of 1940, was adopted:

RESOLVED, By The American Legion assembled at National Convention, in Los Angeles, California, that Section 406, paragraph (h) of the Nationality Act of 1940, be amended to include in the exceptions to the application of Section 404, veterans of the 2nd World War and it is further recommended that the Act be made retroactive to include those veterans of World War II whose time has expired under the three year limitation of the present Act.

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TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: November 3, 1950

FROM : L. R. Pennington

SUBJECT:

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I have been informed by National Headquarters that the annual conference of State Commanders and Adjutants of the American Legion will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana, November 13 to 15 inclusive. National Committees and Commissions will hold their meetings November 14 to 16 inclusive.

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ADDENDUM

In view of the Bureau's American Legion Program, I would recommend that Mr. Pennington attend this meeting.

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I received a telephone call from Mr. Edward Burns of National Headquarters of the American Legion this morning informing me that Erle Cocke, Jr., the newly elected National Commander, will be in Washington on November 10, 1950, and would very much appreciate the privilege of a conference with Mr. Hoover. Mr. Burns stated that Commander Cocke has a short conference scheduled for 10:30 and would appreciate it if he could call sometime between 11:15 and 11:30, Friday, November 10, 1950.

The Director recently sent a letter to Commander Cocke congratulating him on his election as National Commander and a reply has been received. No information of a derogatory nature concerning Commander Cocke was located in the files.

I am attaching hereto a biographical article concerning Commander Cocke which appeared in the National Tribune October 26, 1950. It is noted in this article that Cocke is a Fraternity Brother of the Director.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

In the event the Director can see Commander Cocke I will call Mr. Burns and inform him.

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summary

Should be prepared on Cocke for Director's information.

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Mr Pennington
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New Legion Chief Once "Executed," Is Champion Of UMT

Erie Cocke, Jr., of Dawson, Ga., 23-year-old farmer, stock raiser, businessman and transportation executive, wounded a number of times in action during World War II, recently honored as the outstanding young man of Georgia, and outgoing chairman of the National Security Commission of the American Legion, is the new national commander of the largest veterans' organization of all time.

He is ideally suited for this important office because in shedding his own blood on the battlefields of World War II, he learned the life-and-death importance of adequate military training for American youth. He credits his basic training prior to going overseas with helping him survive some of the fiercest hand-to-hand fighting in which any American soldier was engaged. During his spectacular battlefield experiences he was stabbed by a Gestapo agent, shot by an old woman sniper, hit in the head by a stray bullet and finally was "executed" by the Nazis in 1945—but he lived to tell the story.

Cocke was lined up by his enraged German captors before a firing squad and mowed down with machine guns. He had been made a prisoner of war three times, but had managed to escape each time. During his third escape, he was responsible for the capture by the French of 592 German soldiers. When the Germans captured him for the fourth time, they decided promptly to put an end for all time to his escapades. A firing squad riddled Cocke in the stomach and lung. A Nazi officer gave him the coup de grace with a pistol shot in the back, but Cocke was a tough soldier; he refused to die. Villagers, who returned hours after the shooting, found Cocke still alive. They hid and nursed him for 48 hours until allied troops reached the area. Cocke spent the next 14 months in 27 different hospitals, underwent 17 operations and made an amazing recovery.

Has Many Decorations

For his extraordinary gallantry in action with Maj. Gen. A. C. (Nuts) McAuliffe's forces, Cocke, then a captain, was awarded the Silver Star,

United States addressing public meetings and American Legion rallies on the adequate needs for national security. He also made numerous forceful presentations on UMT and other preparedness measures before various congressional committees. During these years, his reputation and stature grew thruout the Legion.

His Personal Life

He was born at Dawson, May 10, 1921, the son of Erie, Sr., and Elsie

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captain, was awarded the Silver Star, the Purple Heart with three clusters, the Bronze Star with clusters, the French Croix de Guerre and was recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross on the field of battle. He also holds other decorations and citations. He returned from active military service with the rank of major.

Commander Cocke entered the military service in 1941. He was graduated from the Command and General Staff School, U. S. Army, Fort Leavenworth, Kans., the Advanced Officers' Course at Ft. Benning, Ga., the Basic officers' course at Ft. Benning and served with the 124th Demonstration Regiment. He went overseas as a rifle company commander serving in succession as a service company com-



COMMANDER COCKE

mander, battalion executive officer, battalion commander, assistant G-3 of the 103d Division and on special duty with the 3d Division. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on March 21, 1942; promoted to first lieutenant, Dec. 21, 1942, and to captain June 6, 1943. He was raised to the rank of major, Nov. 8, 1945, and discharged on June 29, 1946.

Immediately upon his return home from war and hospitals, Cocke enrolled in Davis Daniel Post No. 133 of the American Legion at Dawson, in 1946. He has been service officer of his post for five years. His energy in American Legion program activities, particularly community services, rehabilitation and national security, led to his rapid advance in leadership on the district and state levels. He was elected department commander for 1948-49 of the Georgia Legion. Under his leadership, his department won the Dan Sowers Trophy awarded by the National Americanism Commission annually for the largest increase in post-sponsored junior baseball teams, having increased the total to 212. His dramatic advocacy of national security built on Universal Military Training led to his appointment in late 1948 as national security chairman. He

was the son of Mrs. S. and L. Meadows Cocke, both of whom witnessed his induction as Legion commander. He was educated in public and high schools at Dawson, Macon and Atlanta before going to the University of Georgia where he received his AB degree in 1942 with a major in history and law. From there he went to the Harvard Business School where he received his Master of Business Administration degree. At the University of Georgia he was active in extra-curricular activities, being president of the Phi Kappa literary society and student manager of athletics.

Following the completion of his college schooling, Cocke became associated with a food processing company at Dawson which specialized in manufacturing peanut butter. Later he became executive director of the Agricultural and Industrial Development Board of Georgia. Subsequently he was retained as general industrial agent of the Central of Georgia Railway Co. Recently he has become assistant to the president of the Delta Air Lines, and he also operates a 1,200-acre farm at Dawson where he raises peanuts and blooded cattle.

One of the busiest young men in the South, the new Legion commander has managed to take part in numerous civic activities. He has been very active in the promotion of the legislative programs of the Parent-Teacher Association, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Citizens Council and other groups. His record of civic service led to his selection as the outstanding young man of Georgia for 1949 by the Georgia Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Cocke is single and a member of the Dawson Baptist Church. He is also a member of the Atlanta Chapter Red Cross Advisory Committee, the Atlanta Junior Chamber, the Disabled American Veterans, Voiture No. 909 of the 40-8 at Albany, Ga., the AMVETS, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Order of World Wars, Terrell County Farm Bureau, Georgia Citizens Council, Northside Kiwanis Club of Atlanta, Kappa Alpha Fraternity, the Special Survey Committee reporting to the Secretary of Defense on the Departments of the Air Force and Air Academy, vice chairman of the State Committee of the Stone Mountain Memorial Authority, Terrell County Chamber of Commerce, and is immediate past first vice president of the University of Georgia Alumni Society.

Erle Cocke, Jr., today is living proof of the value of military training as survival insurance for American fighting men. He credits the advance training which he received before going into combat for saving his life.

"My four years of combat service have impressed upon me indelibly that I am alive today only because I was insured by basic military training which, in my case when it came to hand-to-hand fighting, spelled the difference between life and death," he says. "I know that UMT means survival insurance for American youth just as much as it means security insurance for our Nation. That's why

National Americanism Commission annually for the largest increase in post-sponsored junior baseball teams, having increased the total to 212. His dramatic advocacy of national security built on Universal Military Training led to his appointment in late 1948 as national security chairman. He held this post in 1949 and in 1950 during which period he traveled many thousands of miles over the insured by basic military training which, in any case when it came to hand-to-hand fighting, spelled the difference between life and death," he says. "I know that UMT means survival insurance for American youth just as much as it means security insurance for our Nation. That's why I am fighting for adoption of UMT as the framework for a modern defense establishment for our country."

November 14, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON
MR. NICHOLS

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On November 10 I saw Mr. Erle Cocke, Jr., the National Commander of the American Legion, who was accompanied by Mr. John Sheffield, Personal Aide to Mr. Cocke, and Mr. Hubert Jacobs, National Vice Commander, together with Mr. Pennington. Mr. Cocke called to express appreciation for the cooperation of the Bureau and to offer the services of the American Legion in any capacity they could be of assistance.

I told Mr. Cocke that I wanted to take the opportunity to express to him my appreciation of the fine cooperation which the Legion has always extended to the Bureau, particularly during the last world war and currently during the present crisis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TO : Mr. Nichols *[initials]*
 FROM : M. A. Jones
 SUBJECT: ERLE COCKE, JR.
National Commander
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PURPOSE:

To outline the background of Mr. Cocke, who is to see the Director on the morning of November 10, 1950.

BACKGROUND DATA:

Our files contain no derogatory information in connection with Cocke.

The October 26, 1950, edition of "The National Tribune - The Stars and Stripes" (a private publication of good repute devoted to Veterans' matters) indicates the following information in connection with Cocke.

He was born at Dawson, Georgia, on 5-10-21. He received an AB degree from the University of Georgia in 1942 and later received a Master of Business Administration degree at the Harvard Business School.

Cocke is single and a member of the Dawson Baptist Church. He is active in the Atlanta Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Atlanta Junior Chamber of Commerce and various Veterans' organizations.

He is a member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

MILITARY SERVICE: Cocke entered the U. S. Army in 1941, and was graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and the Advanced Officers' Course at Fort Benning, Georgia. He went overseas as a rifle company commander. He has also served as battalion executive officer, battalion commander and as assistant G-3 of the 103d Division. G-3 is the Staff Officer in charge of Training and Operations. This is, of course, an extremely important post in an Infantry Division.

Cocke was commissioned a second lieutenant on 3-21-42, first lieutenant 12-21-42, captain 6-6-43, and major 11-8-45. He holds the Silver Star, Purple Heart with three clusters, Bronze Star with clusters, the French Croix de Guerre and was recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross.

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Memo from Jones to Mr. Nichols

November 6, 1950

It is interesting to note that Cocke has been a prisoner of war three times and escaped each time. He was shot by a firing squad and left for dead by the Germans in 1945. As a matter of fact, a Nazi officer gave him the coup de grace with a pistol shot in the back, but villagers returning after the shooting found him still alive and nursed him back to health. Cocke has spent fourteen months in twenty-seven hospitals and has had seventeen different operations as a result of his wounds.

CIVILIAN ACTIVITIES: Cocke is now assistant to the president of Delta Air Lines and also operates a 1,200-acre farm at Dawson, Georgia, where he raises peanuts and blooded cattle.

FAMILY BACKGROUND: Although files are not conclusive with respect to the following information, it would appear that Cocke's father was formerly State Director for Georgia of the National Emergency Council and is a prominent banker in the Atlanta area. In several cases [redacted]

OTHER MATTERS:

You will recall that by letter dated 10-16-50, the Director congratulated Mr. Cocke on his election as National Commander of the American Legion. The following paragraph appeared in this letter: "If this Bureau can be of assistance during the days that lie ahead I hope you will not hesitate to let me know."

ADDENDUM

November 9, 1950

ERLE COCKE, SR.

As a matter of interest, Bureau files reflect that one E. O. Cocke has for a long time been an official of TWA. [redacted] It is not known whether or not E. O. Cocke is any relation to Erle Cocke, Jr. or Erle Cocke, Sr.

November 30, 1950

Mr. T. O. Kraabel
National Director
National Rehabilitation Commission
The American Legion
724 Fifteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Kraabel:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 15, 1950, pointing out the advantages of National Service Life Insurance for World War II veterans, and inquiring whether information concerning these benefits cannot be disseminated among the FBI employees who are veterans of World War II.

You may be interested in knowing that this Bureau several years ago appointed one of its employees to act as a veterans' adviser for the whole organization. One of his functions has been to bring just such benefits as National Service Life Insurance to the attention of all of our employees who are World War II veterans. Several times in the past our entire establishment, here and in the field, has been circularized concerning the value of this insurance. Here in Washington the veterans' adviser has referred numerous veterans to the VA Central Office for assistance in reinstating lapsed policies or in converting their GI Term Insurance to one of the old permanent plans. He has also utilized several opportunities to discuss the subject in meetings of the FBI American Legion Post No. 56, Department of the District of Columbia. I have instructed him to intensify his endeavors along these several lines.

It was thoughtful of you to write me. I hope that you will contact me upon any future matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL REHABILITATION COMMISSION
734 FIFTEENTH STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

November 15, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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The recent tragic death of officer Leslie Coffelt has caused many of us to reflect upon the subject of life insurance. World War II veterans who served between October 8, 1940 and September 2, 1945, and are in good health, are eligible to apply for National Service Life Insurance in any multiple of \$500 but not less than \$1000 nor more than \$10,000 upon proof of good health and payment of the initial premium on the plan of insurance applied for. The cost is unbelievably small - only a few cents a day will purchase a \$1000 policy.

The American Legion has been conducting a campaign through the American Legion Monthly to acquaint World War II veterans of the right to apply for National Service Life Insurance. This has been productive of gratifying results. The matter in our opinion is in the nature of a public enterprise, and we are disposed to regard this effort as something akin to our policy of public service. We feel that we should encourage veterans to purchase GI insurance, thus stabilizing their futures and protecting their dependents.

There are six permanent plans of National Service Life Insurance. The veteran may choose any one or any combination of the six plans. This insurance is free from restrictions as to residence, travel, occupation, or military or naval service; further, a veteran may designate any person, firm, corporation or legal entity as the beneficiary under his policy either individually or as trustee.

Would it be possible for you to disseminate this information to your employees who are World War II veterans? For forms and additional information, why not suggest that they contact the VA office nearest their homes. If in Washington, D.C., they should contact the VA Central Office, Vermont Avenue and H Streets, N.W.

I shall consider your cooperation an extreme courtesy as well as a valuable service not only to The American Legion but to the veteran group and their dependents.

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Very truly yours,

T. O. KRAABEL
National Director

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November 25, 1950

Mr. Allen B. Willard
Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
700 North Pennsylvania Street
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Dear Mr. Willard:

Thank you very much for your most welcome letter of November 21, 1950, and the enclosed resolution adopted by the Thirty-second Annual National Convention of The American Legion at Los Angeles.

It is most reassuring for my associates and me to have the abiding confidence of your wonderful organization and to have the continued unstinting support of you and your fellow members of the Legion throughout the nation. I will treasure this resolution all my life.

The ability of this Bureau to cope with the criminal and subversive influences of the past and present would not have been possible without the untiring loyalty and integrity of my co-workers who have been so ably supported by the citizens of America.

I hope that this Bureau will always merit your faith and good will.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
United States Department of Justice
9th & Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Upon recommendation of the National Americanism Commission and by unanimous vote of the National Convention at Los Angeles, California, it gives me great pleasure to send you this citation by The American Legion.

Please accept my personal congratulations for the fine work that you and your co-workers are doing.

Sincerely yours,

Allen B. Willand

Allen B. Willand, Director
National Americanism Commission

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JANUARY 1951

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240 Madison Ave.,
New York 18, N. Y.

Phone: Murray Hill 4-6974

Commander's Letter

Dear Comrades:

The President's emergency proclamation has finally brought to the attention of all what we in Tiger Post have known and feared for some time. It sets in motion defense measures that should have been started long ago.

In order for us to give full support in this fight, we need as many members as possible.

At our January 8th meeting, we shall show a wonderful film in color, entitled "Pattern For Survival." It will show you how to shield yourself and your family from the A-bomb.

It is such a worthwhile film that I suggest each one of you bring at least one potential member to the meeting, along with his wife, if she should care to come. You will be doing them a favor by giving them an opportunity to see this film - and you may be gaining a new member for the Post.

In these troublous times, I want once again to wish you all a Happy New Year and to suggest that you immediately enlist in your local Civil Defense organization - with special emphasis, perhaps, in the Police Auxiliary.

SYDNEY M. STRAUSS,
Commander

POST PARADE

Well, it was a wonderful Xmas Party for the kids at Madonna House on December 23rd. Full details of it will be printed in the February issue of the "Bull", but meanwhile we want everyone who wasn't there to know what a big success it really was.

Too bad the Skipper missed it - but it wasn't his fault. Have you ever tried to contend with the winter snow and ice around Storm King?

When he found out that he would be unable to travel to New York, the Skipper sent the following wire to the gang down at the Party:

TIGER SANTA
MADONNA HOUSE
173 CHERRY STREET
NEW YORK CITY

BIG SNOW UP HERE. I AM ALL RIGHT BUT CANNOT COME TO THE PARTY. HAVE FUN AND GIVE MY LOVE TO ALL FROM SUPERIOR TO SMALLEST CHILD.

BOSS TIGER.

Well, it took a real snowstorm to keep Major Boyce away, but we know he was with the gang in spirit all the time.

160 kids showed up, and we were able to show them a one-hour movie program, thanks to the generosity of Dick Goldsmith and Al Du Plan, who gave up their Saturday afternoons to come down and show it. We're very obliged for your kindness, fellows.

The cookies and ice cream went over swell -- hardly a drop was spilled. But we missed Herb Price while we were getting ready. Herb could sure handle those kids like nobody's business.

We got a great hand from Fireman Robert E. Mullen of Engine Company 9, whose presence was a great relief to everybody present.

The same gang of faithful workers showed up to fill the bags and do the general detail work. Our thanks, as always, to them. It was a swell job, boys.

More in the February issue, though. This is just a preliminary report to let all Post members know that the annual Tiger Xmas Party really went off with a bang this year.

TIGER POST meets on MONDAY, January 8th at 8:30 P.M., at the 77th Division Club, 28 East 39th St., New York, N. Y.

The Auxiliary meets at 8:30 P.M.

POST PARADE (continued)

At the Post meeting of January 8, the feature presentation will be a film called "Pattern For Survival." Come to see it - and bring a friend.

The Post sends all best wishes to Harry Stevens for a speedy recovery from his operation. Hurry up and get well, Harry, and let's see you soon!

ATTENTION, ALL

THE AMERICAN LEGION
New York County Organization
500 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.
Telephone: PLaza 9-3846

December 18, 1950

URGENT

Due to the present National Emergency as proclaimed by the President, and the International situation, all Posts in New York County are immediately alerted for Civilian Defense. You are urged to enlist every member at once in the Civilian Defense system, and to communicate names and addresses to the County Organization. The County Executive Committee believes that veterans are peculiarly suited for service in the Auxiliary Police Force --- however, every volunteer may specify the particular duty he or she desires. Send an immediate notice to all members, past and present, to volunteer now at a local Police Precinct.

THIS IS A DUTY WHICH NO LEGIONNAIRE CAN SHIRK.

Robert E. Condon, Chairman
Civilian Defense Committee
William T. Collins, II
Commander

TIGER GROWL - JANUARY 1951

Tigers who figured Bear was only scratching for fleas, refuse to wake up until an atom falls into their street. Bear sicks his chows on us--- what about that?

We are "up against the real thing" now, with our pants down. No bombed European or Asiatic city would give a hoot.

Do not say "Nobody warned me." "Growl" has been telling you for over three years.

Line up for civic defense. Do it now! See Commander Strauss.

Remember, it's your hide.

Boss Tiger.

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NEWS OF THE LEGION.....

WASHINGTON, D.C. (ALNS)--President Truman has been urged by leaders of the four major Veterans' Organizations to authorize General MacArthur to use all necessary means, including aerial strikes across the Manchurian border, to save his troops from disaster.

The plea was contained in a letter to the President signed by National Commander Erle Cocke, Jr. of The American Legion, Commander-In-Chief Charles C. Ralls of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; National Commander Boniface R. Maile of the Disabled American Veterans, and National Commander Harold Russell of AMVETS.

The four Veterans' Chiefs cabled the text of their joint declaration to General MacArthur in Tokyo. They advised MacArthur: "At your complete discretion, if you care to relay this message to the troops, we would be delighted."

Their appeal to the President follows:

"We, the National Commanders of the four largest Veterans' Organizations, feel called upon to make the following declarations:

"We are deeply concerned over the situation in Korea, where 150,000 American troops are fighting against overwhelming odds.

"We veterans of previous wars understand the terrific odds faced by our combat troops in Korea. No one knows how many GIs have died because of imposed limitations which have prevented them from fighting on equal terms with the communist aggressors. These Godless hordes know no laws and have no restrictions.

"Every step must be taken to increase the chance of survival of our fighting men. They must be given all possible help. They must not be curbed by restrictions and delays which will lead to unnecessary casualties. They must not be abandoned to disaster. They must not be sacrificed to delusions of appeasement.

"We urge the constituted authorities of the free world through the United Nations, to take these actions now. We urge them to make available every means to save our men, including an authorization to send aircraft across the Manchurian border to bomb vital military targets. We urge that the President through the United Nations give General MacArthur full authority to employ such means as may be necessary to save our troops from disaster.

"We cannot, we must not, let these fighting men down!"

MILT FISHEL SAYS:

Another Year. It is starting out with 3 strikes on it. Let's hope that war does not start.***

If you really want to see what happens when an A Bomb hits a modern city, drop in at the next meeting. It's called "Pattern for Survival" and is a documentary film. Not shocking, but it isn't pretty; but then the results of an A bomb dropping on a modern city are not exactly cute. It should give you a good idea of what will happen when war is played for keeps.

TIME MARCHES ON Damn it. Forgive us for repeating this, but I believe our Commander should be told about the bees and the flowers. Since Syd is having trouble with his legs, he should be told there is no justice in this world; that just about the time a man reaches the point where a woman's legs don't bother him, damned if his own don't.

...Our own Harry Stevens who went to the Hospital on Dec. 11th, and was operated Dec. 18th, was in excellent condition at this writing. By the time you read this, Harry will be home - 315 West 24th St., New York 11, N.Y. Why not drop him a line? Harry is one of our members from way back. He's a pretty swell sort of a "guy", and we're all mighty happy the results are so favorable. Drop in as soon as possible, Harry, and we'll compare notes.

...Walter Tunick is suffering from Back-teria. Couldn't happen to a nicer guy. Unfortunately, it's very trivial.

...Al Mela's comment when I told him I was still under observation for my throat, was rather to the point. He said it was a good idea, but 30 years too late. I should have been there much earlier. Stinker.

...The Skipper corrected us and we stand on our constitutional rights. We said Monroe Strauss had

polyps and it was polipi he had. Serves him right. It was his own fault. When he first told me what he had, did I know he was going to take me so literally when I told him what to do with them?

...So there you are. 4 outstanding examples of the "Cream of the Crop"...So young ... so healthy...SO virile(?) ... Not a cough in the carload. Fine Specimens - but not necessarily of manhood.

Since the Xmas Party at the Madonna House won't be held until after this is written, our report of the year's activities will not be made until the February issue. However, may we sincerely thank Eli Javlin. His firm, BREAK-STONE BROTHERS, INC., were kind enough to send us 4 five-pound boxes of delicious cheese. The raffle brought over \$26.00 to the Vets' Committee. It was a wonderful gesture and is greatly appreciated by the 4 "lucky ones" and the 156 others.

***We hear that Ione Mela did a bang-up job as chairman of the Gift Shop at Base 81 this year. Details of that affair will also be included in the Feb. issue.

...The Post now has another joint account, funds of the "Vet's Ent. and Xmas Fund",..... and right away everybody is "telling me joints" where we can spend it.

The Scriptures sayeth:

"Do right and fear no man.
Don't write and fear no woman."
Leave it to H.S.T. to louse it up - but good.
Evidently Harry would
"Rather write than be President."

...Harry Braude writes from Sunny (30 degree) Daytona, Fla. Invites us all down. The skiing season opens any day. How are you, fellah? When are you coming up to pay us a visit? How about ACTH. Using it for your arthritis?

...Jim Gilligan hit the nail on the head. He said that the attendance at a Legion meeting is so small in comparison to meetings of Communists; judging from what we read, their meetings are almost the entire quota of the membership. How about it? Can't you spare one evening a month? And can't you bring in some more WW2 members? Instead of

"Silver threads amongst the gold -
Lots of young among the old."

***Will you hold on to your old Xmas cards for a little while? We are getting the name of a children's hospital who will be glad to get them. The children cut them up and paste them in books. Probably have details in the next issue.

This is America -
From "The N. Y. Herald Tribune"
Dec. 21st, I found the following in
the column of "Early Bird on Broadway"

...Victor Lasky, co-author of "Seeds of Treason" interviewing former Soviet slave laborers secretly for a magazine article. All the meetings are clandestine since informers fear the Soviet Secret Police
EVEN ON U. S. SOIL" (the Caps are ours).

THE LAND OF THE FREE?????

What are we going to do about it? Maybe if we do catch them some fool judge might rule that they are guilty, but the F.B.I. man who arrested them did not say please, or maybe it was after hours. Looks to me as if our judges seem to think there is a season for Commies to be caught.

A profit is not without honor, except in the U.S.A.

See you at the meeting!

Milt Fishel

BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW
YEAR!!!

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *Amh N*

FROM : L. R. Pennington *LRP*

SUBJECT:

DATE: February 15, 1951

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 Mr. Clegg ✓
 Mr. Glavin ✓
 Mr. Ladd ✓
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 Mr. Rosen ✓
 Mr. Tracy ✓
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 Mr. Mohr ✓
 Mr. Pennington ✓
 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓
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 Mr. Nease ✓
 Miss Holmes ✓
 Miss Gandy ✓

I am in receipt of a letter from Allen B. Willand, Director of the National Americanism Commission, The American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana, informing me that there will be a meeting of the Executive Section of the National Americanism Commission with the Executive Section of the Un-American Activities Committee to be held at Washington, D. C., on March 8 and 9. As a member of the Executive Section of the National Americanism Commission I have been requested to be present and in the absence of instructions to the contrary will attend this meeting to be held at the Washington Headquarters of the American Legion. - *National*

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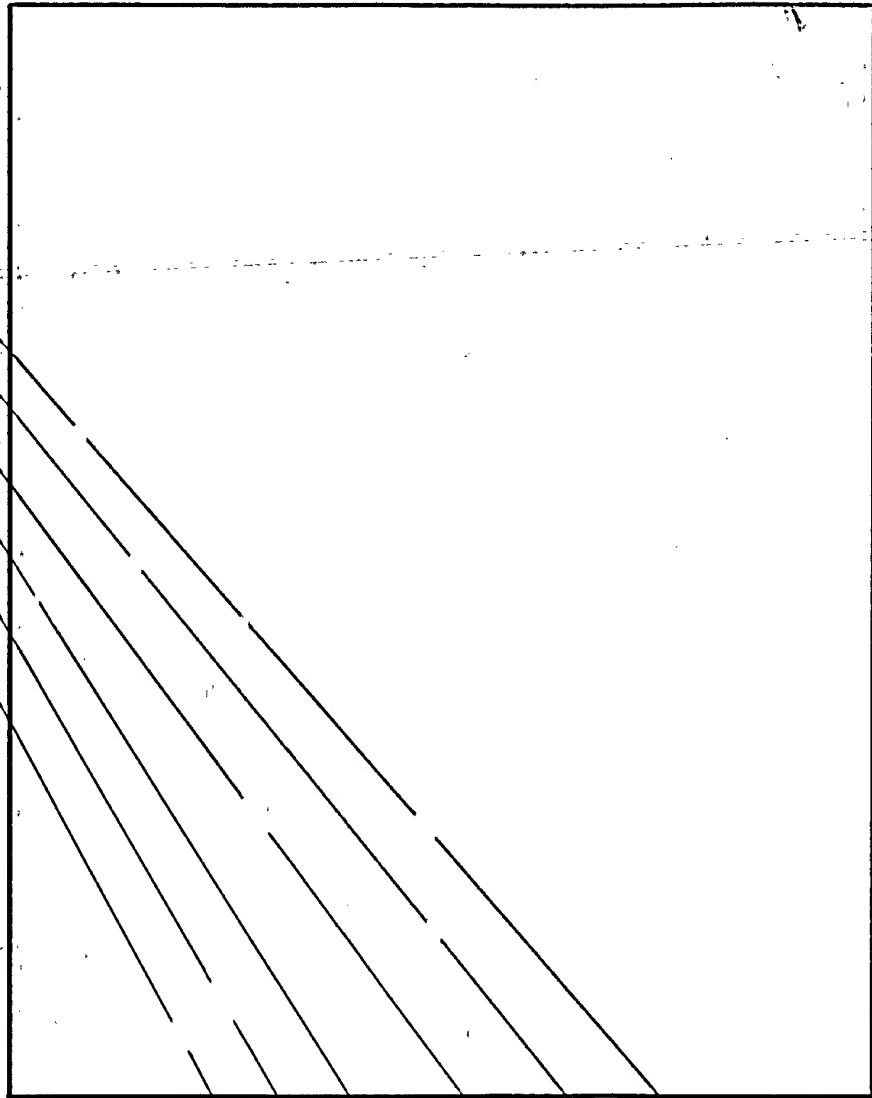
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THE SPOTLIGHT

LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE CONVENTION. The latter day successor to the AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY and YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE held a three-day convention in New York Thanksgiving week-end. An eighteen-man national council was set up, of which six members are Negro workers or students. One seat was set aside for a Puerto Rican to be selected later. According to the Sunday Worker of December 3, the following are now National Council members of the L.Y.L.:

WENDELL ADDINGTON, Texas

LOU RISKIN, New York

EDNA BROWN, Massachusetts

ROBERT FOGEL, New York

EARL DURHAM, Illinois

JEAN GRIFFITH, New York

ROZ EMERINE, Ohio

JULIAN LOWITT, New York

JACK GORE, Michigan

VINCE PIERI, New York

EMMA STORY, Pennsylvania

ROOSEVELT WARD, New York

SELMA WEISS, New York

AARON WEISMAN, New York

The commy youth gathering demanded defeat of U.M.W. legislation, opposed extension of the draft, or drafting of merchant seamen, fathers, veterans, or 18 year olds. It also passed the usual party line resolutions on F.E.P.C., racial segregation in the armed services, R.O.T.C. and immediate ending of the war in Korea. C.P. National Secretary GUS HALL, HOWARD FAST, PAUL ROBESON, ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, and MILTON HOWARD of the Daily Worker, all addressed the assembly, keeping the gathering strictly within the C.P. family as it were. HALL received a ten-minute standing ovation.

Daily Worker columnist Morris gave the show away by calling it a "major event" -- a directive to the party faithful to note carefully and follow through. It seems that the LABOR YOUTH LEAGUE has a vital role to play in the labor movement. The A.F.L., says Morris, suffers from "fossilized mentality" and the once militant C.I.O. "developed hardening of the arteries" when it kicked out its

commu-infested internationals. Both, however, can be changed for the better "by youth activity in the rank and file on a mass scale guided by a fighting progressive spirit." Translated into English from Aesopian double talk this means: "all our old line communist leadership has been pretty well exposed and thrown out of the two dominant labor movements, therefore young and undetected secret C.P. members must push forward at all costs and attempt to worm their way as quickly as possible into key labor posts as the old reactionary leadership dies or is pensioned off."

EMERGENCY CONFERENCE ON WORLD PEACE AND CHINA. Watch this new front launched last November. First birth announcement appeared in the Daily Worker of November 14th. Complete withdrawal of all American forces in Korea and "friendly trade relations" with Communist China were the chief "demands" of the new commy front which asserted that it would push its "peace program" through nationwide forums, conferences, and discussions. Recognition of Red China and seating Mao Tung's mouthpieces in the United Nations are also high on the program list of the E.C.W.P.C.

Retired Congregational minister DR. LUCIUS PORTER, of Beloit, Wisconsin; DR. CLEMENTINE PAOLONE, Chairman of the AMERICAN WOMEN FOR PEACE; BERNARD LUCAS, of the Chicago LABOR CONGRESS FOR PEACE; JOHN FLOWERS, of the communist controlled MARINE COOKS & STEWARDS UNION; WILLIAM KERNER, COMMITTEE FOR A DEMOCRATIC FAR EASTERN POLICY; MRS. IDELL UMBLES, Chicago WOMEN FOR PEACE; HUGH DEANE (on the staff of the Daily Compass); EWART GUINIER, chairman of the HARLEM TRADE UNION COUNCIL, and MRS. PAUL ROBESON were listed in the Daily Worker as speakers or participants at the conference. The keynote address was made by veteran commy fronter, REV. HARRY WARD, of the Union Theological Seminary.

The communist paper stated: "The conference was initiated by a group of prominent American clergymen, educators, scientists, labor leaders and civic workers."

The sponsors included:

The Right Rev. ARTHUR W. MOULTON (Ret.) of Utah

DR. PHILIP MORRISON, nuclear physicist of Cornell University

REV. WILLIAM B. SPOFFORD, Editor of the Witness

REV. STEPHEN FRITCHMAN, First Unitarian Church, Los Angeles

PROF. ERWIN PANOFSKY, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

DR. CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN, Pres., Palmer Institute, Sedalia, N. C.

DR. E. FRANKLIN FRAZIER, Howard University

RABBI HENRY J. COHEN, Galveston, Texas

FRED STOVER, Pres., Iowa Farmers Union

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO REPEAL THE McCARRAN ACT. Under date of December 11, Dean JOHN B. THOMPSON of the Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, University of Chicago, sent out an appeal for mass signatures to an open letter to all Congressmen to repeal the Internal Security Act of 1950 or the McCarran Act. Thompson, a long time supporter of communist causes and fronts, writes:

"Two months' experience with the McCarran Act and the spirit of hysteria and intimidation it has evoked have strengthened the opposition of those who were against its passage and have opened the eyes of many who were not fully aware of the dangers of such dangerous legislation."

"Millions of Americans, we believe, are ready to join in a movement to secure the prompt repeal of the McCarran Act."

"We also urge that you join us in giving leadership to the movement to repeal this infamous Act by becoming a sponsor of the National Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act. This committee will be temporary with the sole purpose of developing and coordinating the repeal campaign."

The Rev. Dr. Thompson used Rockefeller Memorial Chapel, University of Chicago, stationery in his appeal for sponsors. The second page of his letter bears photostat reproductions of the following signers:

JAMES C. BAKER

EMILY G. BALCH

G. A. BORGESE

PROF. ZECHARIAH CHAFEE, Jr.

DR. ABRAHAM CRONBACH

BISHOP BENJ. A. DAGWELL

DR. EDWIN T. DAHLBERG
MRS. WELTHY HONSIGER FISHER
REV. JOHN PAUL JONES
BISHOP GERALD KENNEDY
BISHOP FRANCIS McCONNELL
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DR. ALEXANDER MEIKLEJOHN
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PROF. PAUL TILLICH
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DR. ALBERT W. PALMER
DR. LINUS PAULING
DR. EDWIN McNEILL POTEAT
DR. JOHN B. THOMPSON
MRS. DOROTHY TILLY
REV. PIERRE VAN PAASEN
BISHOP W. J. WALLS

While some of the above may be innocents or people genuinely concerned over certain provisions or all of the Internal Security Act, the presence of such names as those of CAREY McWILLIAMS, THOMAS MANN, ROBERT MORSS LOVETT, DR. LINUS PAULING and BISHOP FRANCIS McCONNELL unfortunately tends to create an aura of suspicion about the bona fides of the newly created committee.

ROBERT VOGELER. The Scripps-Howard papers have been running a series of forceful articles on the "forgotten American" case of Robert Vogeler, American businessman serving fifteen years in a Hungarian communist prison after being tried in a commy kangaroo court on phony charges of "espionage." The State Department says that the Hungarian government refuses even to discuss the case let alone release Vogeler. Dean Acheson, the man who would not turn his back on ALGER HISS, apparently has no great moral qualms at turning his back on Robert Vogeler.

When the Chinese communist delegates arrived at Lake Success to indict the United States of "aggression" and other high crimes against Red China, they

found some forty elaborate floral wreaths and boxes of cut flowers from American admirers. U.N. security guards thoughtfully refused to let newspapermen look at the cards from the well-wishers. They merely wanted to list the names of those who sent floral offerings to the killers of American boys in Korea. SOME OF THE BOUQUETS CAME FROM HOLLYWOOD, according to Counterattack. We'll get the names, if we can.

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THE WORLD COMMUNIST FRONT

Despite the bitter lesson of Korea, many legalistically-minded Americans, including all those who still do not understand the nature of world communism, still cling to the optimistic delusion that somehow if we only try hard enough "something can be worked out with Soviet Russia," and that we should remain at least technically at peace until Stalin declares formal war upon the United States -- or unleashes a treacherous overnight Pearl Harbor attack against us. Incredible as it may seem, these people -- and they include some of the bright minds in the upper strata of world planners in the State Department -- know so little Soviet history that they do not even know communists never make formal declarations of war. That is superfluous. In fact, just such a formal declaration of total war against all of the non-communist world was made over thirty-one years ago at the very founding of the Third International at Moscow in March, 1919. It was periodically renewed at every following world congress of the Communist International with tiresome monotony and then lest some one miss the point it was embodied in the Program of the C.I. in 1928. Dean Acheson, testifying before a Congressional committee, cheerfully admitted he had never read this program. In addition, open communist documents distributed by the millions all over the world have reiterated the same formal declaration -- the complete overthrow and destruction of bourgeois democracy all over the world and the creation of a world Soviet state.

The Soviets' worldwide psychological offensive against the United States has mounted in fury and intensity as a result of Red China's open war against the United States in Korea. In reply, the Voice of America broadcasts under State Department control and costing the American taxpayer millions, continues to return a feeble and ineffective counter barrage generally defensive and apologetic in character. The directors of this program seem unable to grasp the simple military maxim that wars are won by smashing offensives -- seldom by Fabian retreats. Selling America and the American way of life to the rest of the world is totally unrealistic in this critical hour with the nation's very survival at stake. Speaking before the American-Scandinavian Foundation recently, Edward Barrett, Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs and in charge of the V. of A. broadcasts, is quoted in the N. Y. Times as "urging a greater campaign of truth" to counteract Soviet lying propaganda directed against this country.

Adopting a purely defensive line of reaction to Soviet propaganda is not only folly and a waste of time and money, but is ineluctably destined to lead us still further down the blind alley of retreat and defeat. The simplest trade union member and anyone else who has ever had first hand experience with trained, cynical Stalinists knows that one never gets anywhere attempting to expose and deny communist lies. The maxim that a lie can sprint around the world while the truth is lacing on its boots, is particularly true with respect to communist lies. Communists can concoct five ingenious and impressive propaganda lies in the time that it takes our side to prepare even one adequate answer. This is a fool's game to begin with.

The whole rotten Soviet system of terror, oppression, brutality, hunger, mass spying, ~~tyranny~~, and murder is so vulnerable to exposure from our side that even a smart schoolboy must wonder why the State Department's Voice of America has not long ago passed over to the offensive instead of advertising what life is like in the United States. What the oppressed and terrorized masses of Russia and the

Iron Curtain countries want to hear are not childrens' hour tales of beatific life in the United States, a land neither they nor their surviving families will ever see anyway, but a continuous stream of messages of hope and exposure and bedevilment of their jailers and tormenters. They want the whole gigantic hoax and fraud of communism exposed. They want the story of Soviet slave labor camps sent hurtling around the world again and again and again. They want the ruthless, swilling, and corrupt Soviet "new aristocracy of commissars" lashed and exposed day and night. They want words of encouragement and hints as to how they can slow down and sabotage their own communist economies without getting caught. They want cleverly designed "black psychological" propaganda which will tend to confuse, demoralize and otherwise worry and harry the commissars into suspecting and fighting each other. In brief, what the Voice of America and all other free broadcasters must do now, and at once, is to drop their pious bourgeois moralizing and dainty fingered "constructive" advertising of our superior way of life and grab a bayonet and jab it into Stalin's psychologic belly so that the world can see the color (which is yellow) of his guts.

The Voice of America should be severed from its demonstrably ineffective State Department control where it never belonged in the first place and turned over to professional, top psychological warfare experts most of whom at present are not engaged, for some curious reason, in any top urgent work. Congress should also be on guard against any job-hungry empire builders seeking to resurrect or to establish anything like the malodorous O.W.I. of the last war -- no matter under what alluring new set of letters it may seek to be born.

In brief, while American policy and determination to crush and destroy world Bolshevism ultimately, and for the present and for a beginning to push it back into a defensive posture, should be broadcast throughout the world twenty-four hours a day, the story of America and our way of life needs no further advertisement. Most of the literate world already knows all about America. For

the past hundred years literally tens of millions of people all over the world sacrificed, struggled and aspired to leave their own lands and to emigrate to the land of the blessed. They know all about the benefits of life in the United States. Barred now by U. S. immigration restrictions or imprisoned in their own communist dominated lands by the threat of death if they try to flee, they do not want to hear of the benefits of life in America. They hunger for messages of moral encouragement from the still free world which they, too, hope to rejoin within a few years or at least within their own lifetime. Human freedom is all that makes life worth living -- painting beautiful pictures of material comforts to an enslaved Pole or East European is like tantalizing a life-termer in Sing Sing with the charm of Palm Beach in the winter. He aspires to escape somehow or have his sentence commuted to a few years. He will gladly settle for anything outside of prison walls even if it meant being barred for life from Florida and California.

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THE WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE

Perhaps the British do have the knack of doing some things better than we do. Faced with the same problem of playing host to a phony peace conference under communist auspices similar to the late unlamented CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE FOR WORLD PEACE held at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York last year, the British government did it a bit differently. And, the commies are still raging and fuming over the "dirty deal" given them by the Attlee Labor government.

Sheffield had been selected as the site of the conference. England had obviously been picked as the best place to drive a wedge between Great Britain and America. The conference was very, very important to Stalin and was probably his last gesture to demonstrate that "peace-loving Russia and her Peoples Democracies" satellites had done everything possible to expose and thwart the "mad dog imperialist warmongers of Wall Street." Communist papers all over the

world caught the cue and gave the conference all they had. Commies from all over the world, official Soviet tub thumpers, American pinkos, dupes and dopes, and intellectual riff-raff from sixty countries packed their bags and headed for Sheffield. At first the British government granted visas to most of the would-be delegates. It turned a few down on security grounds. As the first contingents began to arrive British officials began to hem and haw on more and more delegates. The commies began to smell a double cross. A REV. JOHN PAUL JONES of the Bay Ridge Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., was questioned two hours before being admitted to the United Kingdom. Others were turned back at airports after security officers scanned over "Not Wanted" lists.

Eighteen Czech planes all ready to take off for England with 500 Chinese, Mongolian, Russian, Czech, and other Iron Curtain country delegates, were denied flight clearances at the very last minute. With some 500 delegates already in England, the communists realized belatedly that "Perfidious Albion" had served them a most foul and dastardly trick -- one fifth of their delegates were in -- the other four-fifths would be barred. Forty out of sixty-five Russians had been barred. Thirty of 53 Czechs, 12 of 32 Bulgarians, 7 of 14 Israelis, 19 of 40 Poles, 7 of 13 Cubans, 7 of 25 Finns, and 13 of 30 Rumanians had either been barred or turned back after they had landed in England.

Literally caught halfway between bases the commy promoters screamed, "Moider!" Transportation companies did a land office business hauling delegates to England and then taking them right out again. The communist high command called an emergency meeting and shifted the locale of the farce from Sheffield to Warsaw. Two special Polish boats were hurriedly sent to England to haul away the lucky few who had gotten into Blithy. Even the staid and humorless N. Y. Times had to admit that Clement Attlee's "cat and mouse game" with the commies while very "un-British" was exactly the sort of game commies just loved to play on others. Soviet Pravda promptly unearthed "secret

documents" proving that the whole business was nothing but a dastardly plot against world peace and that it had actually been cooked up in the first place by Wall Street warmongers.

The phony conference reconvened in Warsaw on November 16. A full list of the American delegation will be made available in the next issue of the Summary. The REV. ROBERT MUIR of Cambridge, Massachusetts, was listed as the "leader of the American delegation" in a Warsaw broadcast. O. John Rogge, former Assistant Attorney General of the U.S., denounced Soviet aggression in Korea and said that he would not now sign the Stockholm peace appeal because he felt that Soviet aggression was a greater threat to peace than the atom bomb or even the hydrogen bomb. He was loudly booed and hissed and constantly heckled by 3,000 angry delegates and stooges.

Chinese delegate KUO MO-JO warned Truman, Acheson and MacArthur that if they dared to challenge the might of 475 million Chinese "it would end only in disaster for you. It would end with an international court of justice and a length of rope." The West Coast Peoples World gushed that the conference "was the most eventful meeting in modern history" and that it was "almost indescribable for the richness of its drama, the sweep of ideas, and the varied contributions of its assembled delegates."

The "rich drama" ended on November 22nd, after six solid days of typical commy tirades against the United States, the enemy of world peace. It adopted a ten-point program which included a demand for cessation of fighting in Korea and withdrawal of all foreign troops in that country. It also demanded withdrawal of American protection of Formosa, prohibition of German or Japanese rearmament, and a declaration calling upon all nations immediately to pass legislation making it a criminal offense to publish or disseminate "war propaganda." The program also demanded the unconditional abolition of atomic, bacteriological, chemical, and other forms of mass extermination. It also demanded that the International

Court of Justice at The Hague inquire into General MacArthur's responsibility for "ruthless measures destroying the Korean civilian population." O. John Rogge and two others cast dissenting votes against 1,655 affirmative votes, with three others abstaining.

Fifteen "Americans" were elected to the Praesidium of the new council of the World Peace Partisans including W.E.B. DUBOIS, REV. JOSEPH F. FLETCHER of Cambridge, Massachusetts, HOWARD FAST, PAUL ROBESON and CHARLES HOWARD of Des Moines, Iowa.

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THE HOME SECTOR

U. S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath filed a 4,800 word petition on November 22nd with the newly created Subversive Activities Control Board charging that the Communist Party, U.S.A., is dominated and controlled by Soviet Russia. The petition was part of the formal procedure laid down by the Internal Security Act of 1950 to force members of communist action groups to register with the government. Thus far not a single communist has complied with the law which set a deadline of October 23rd for such registration. Instead the commies and their stooges filed a legal action with the U. S. District Court in Washington, D. C., to have the whole law declared unconstitutional.

The petition, reprinted in full in the N. Y. Times of November 23rd, sets forth in abbreviated form the unbroken record since 1919 of the American Communist Party's slavish adherence to official Soviet foreign policy, Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist dogma and directives, and the "correct line" as laid down by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Title III of the petition follows:

"Throughout its existence the C.P. never knowingly has deviated from the views and policies of the Government and Communist party of the Soviet Union, the Communist International, the Communist Information Bureau and other

leaders of the world Communist movement. Whenever such views and policies have conflicted with the position taken by the Government of the United States, the Communist party has opposed the position of the U.S."

It then goes on with a long list of citations to prove this contention.

The commies lost no time in replying. In a thousand-word statement signed by National Chairman WILLIAM Z. FOSTER (too ill to stand trial two years ago with the rest of his eleven pals) and GUS HALL (National Secretary), they denied everything and admitted nothing. It was no accident -- a typical communist dialectical gimmick -- that the U.S. government filed this petition "at this time when the American people are increasingly showing alarm over the war provocations of this same government." The petition was merely a device "to silence every peace advocate in the United States and to outlaw with the Communist party all sections of the peoples' developing peace movement." The commies went on to say that they will "utilize every available legal channel through which the pro-fascist conspiracy against the Bill of Rights and peace can be combatted. We Communists at the same time warn that the people must put their main reliance on their own independent and united mass action, rather than on government boards, Congress or the courts." No definition or explanation of what they meant by such "united mass action outside of the courts" was made in the statement.

After three years of endless legalisms, two top alien communists were finally deported on November 10th. ANDREW OVERGAARD, illegally in this country over thirty years and a founder of the C.P., U.S.A., went back to his native Denmark while MRS. BEATRICE JOHNSON returned to Poland. Meanwhile, sixteen other deportable alien commies picked up over three years ago were ordered released from Ellis Island by Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan who found no merit in the government's argument that they were a serious security risk. Among those released were: ALEXANDER BITTLEMAN, top theoretical strategist of the C.P., BETTY GANNET, CLAUDIA JONES and GEORGE SISKIND.

EARL BROWDER, former head of the C.P., U.S.A.; FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD, millionaire former official of INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS and a communist; PHILIP JACOB JAFFE, former editor of AMERASIA and wealthy communist Christmas card manufacturer, and WILLIAM L. PATTERSON, executive secretary of the CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, were arrested on contempt of Congress citations. Browder, unable to post \$1,500 bond went to jail for a few days until a little old retired school teacher came to the rescue with the necessary funds to spring the former big boss Red. Browder, Jaffe and Field had refused to answer questions put to them by a Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee probing charges that the State Department was red-infested. Patterson was indicted on two counts for refusal to produce C.R.C. records before the Buchanan House Committee investigating Lobbying.

On November 24 ten others, including a West Coast heiress and the manager of the Daily Worker, were indicted for contempt of Congress. They were:

PHILLIP BART, D. W. Manager, charged with 32 counts

LOUISE BERMAN, California heiress, 26 counts

JULIUS EMSPAK,	United Electrical Workers Union	68 counts
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JAMES J. MATLES,	" " " "	7 "
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THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK,	" " " "	7 "
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THOMAS QUINN, Pittsburgh,	" " " "	1 count
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FRANK PANZINO,	" " " "	3 counts
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TALMADGE RALEY, Cincinnati,	" " " "	11 "
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ESTHER TICE,	" " " "	3 "
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PASQUALE LEONARD JAMES BRANCA, Washington, D. C., UEWU	8 "
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Trial date was set for December 19th.

Later, three atomic scientists: GIOVANNI ROSSI LOMANITZ, IRVING DAVID FOX and DAVID BOHM, and two notorious, veteran communists, STEVE NELSON and MARCEL SCHERER, were indicted by two other Federal grand juries for refusing to answer House Un-American Activities Committee questions. LOMANITZ, FOX and BOHM had all worked

at the University of California ~~Radiation~~ Laboratory at Berkeley. NELSON is accused of heading up a Soviet spy ring in connection with stealing atomic secrets. PROF. BOHM was teaching at Princeton when indicted. All three scientists are also accused of having known "Scientist X" -- DR. JOSEPH W. WEINBERG, a known C.P. member who also is suspected of being an important leak of atomic know how to the Soviets. CLARENCE HISKEY, Brooklyn Polytechnic physicist who once worked on atomic development in the University of Chicago, was also indicted on charges of contempt of Congress.

The U. S. Supreme Court on November 27th turned down requests that the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION and the NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD be permitted to file "Friends of the court" briefs in behalf of the eleven convicted communist leaders presently appealing their case to the Supreme Court. The high court also refused to postpone hearings on arguments set for December 4th.

The Supreme Court now has under consideration the appeal of the eleven convicted C. P. leaders after listening to four hours of argument pro and con on the constitutionality of the Smith Act under which they were convicted last year after nine months of trial before Federal Judge Medina. In striking contrast to their contemptuous and abusive conduct during the New York trial, the commy lawyers this time adopted an attitude of deference and respect. The Supreme Court may not hand down a decision before next spring or summer.

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WHAT THE COMMUNIST PRESS IS SAYING

Main propaganda line in the Daily Worker during the past month and dutifully echoed in the party line periphery press has been that if Truman really has the best interests of world peace at heart all he has to do is to sit down with Stalin and reach a "peace" agreement. It is highly significant

that communist writers constantly emphasize the fact that a "peace agreement" must be arranged with Soviet Russia -- in other words, they frankly admit that a state of war presently exists between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. American communists feel quite confident -- Soviet Russia has an impregnable position which no possible alignment of the rest of the world can possibly challenge. America cannot possibly win even a war against Red China, how could we even dream of tackling the Soviet colossus itself? France cannot defend western Europe and 40% of its population has already indicated that it would not fight Soviet Russia even if attacked first by the Red Army. The British Empire, what is left of it, is bogged down economically and cannot even solve a minor guerrilla war in Malaya.

All through communist writings runs the slender red thread of cleverly spun defeatism and morale disintegration. When American troops landed at Inchon and swept northward almost to the Manchurian border and were generally victorious, the whole Korean war practically disappeared from the pages of the Daily Worker. As soon as the Chinese Reds uncorked their massive counteroffensive and MacArthur ran into the trouble our American quislings could not hide their elation and studhorse, front-page headlines blazoned American defeats. Whole pages were given over to Red China's "indictment of American aggression." Every other word was "peace." Malik talks only peace in the U.N. -- the Chinese communists are fighting for "peace." "Negotiate peace now with Russia!" appears in every other edition of the Daily Worker.

Only greedy Wall Street, "which has gained unprecedented profits out of the Korean war", wants to continue the war. As part of its "plot against peace, Wall Street is secretly re-arming the Nazis." The Daily Worker ran a whole series of articles entitled "Nazis march again for Wall Street." ("Wall Street", needless to say, being a communist weasel word for the United States.) The United States is constantly being charged in the Soviet press and its American shadow

press as re-arming both the Germans and Japanese — a step for the defense of the Western world which Stalin apparently wants to discourage. The recall and demotion of General MacArthur is another high priority theme in communist propaganda. It has already been picked up and given nationwide circulation, knowingly or unwittingly, by at least one radio commentator and other news poisoners.

Emergency "peace conferences" are being hurriedly set up all over the United States with shadowy crypto-communists generally moving in the background. Long lists of "prominent" clergymen, labor leaders, educators, and others are displayed nearly every day in the Worker as having demanded an end to the Korean war or that we negotiate "peace" with Russia. College student meetings and conferences denouncing war, American foreign policy, U.M.T., or greater American rearmament also naturally get a big play in the columns of Stalin's Pravda in this country.

"Get out of Formosa!" is another C.P. demand in line with Soviet plans for its next move in the Far East. The North Carolina State Student Legislative Assembly, recently held at Raleigh which demanded repeal of the Internal Security Act of 1950, abolition of all loyalty oaths, and other C. P. line items of interest, was highly lauded in the Daily Worker.

Generals MacArthur and Bradley, President Truman, Dean Acheson, John Foster Dulles, and other American leaders are constantly amalgamated in the communist press with Hitler, Himmler, Goebbels and Tojo. "Under the misleadership of these latter day successors to the Nazis and Japs, the American people are being led down a path to slaughter and catastrophe." Psychologists and propaganda experts will easily recognize this "transference of hatred" technique through constant re-iteration and pounding on the same theme. Others receiving liberal doses of communist vilification and character assassination in the C.P. press during the past month were: Judge Harold Medina, Judge Musmanno of

Pittsburgh, Franco, O. John Rogge, Tito, Joseph Curran, Walter Reuther, Chiang Kai-shek, Syngman Rhee, Senator Pat McCarran, Louis Budenz, General Clay, and New York City Welfare Commissioner Raymond Hilliard. The F.B.I., Motion Picture Alliance for the Preservation of American Ideals, Shub's book "The Choice", and R.K.O. Film "High Frontier" also had the mud bucket dumped over them. Gypsy Rose Lee was denounced by the Daily Worker for appearing on a Crusade for Freedom program and Irwin Shaw was smeared as a "crawling ex-liberal" because he refused to permit resurrection of one of his pacifist plays.

On the other hand, HARRY BRIDGES, CLIFFORD ODETS, HENRY STEELE COMMAGER, of Columbia University, ZACHARIA CHAFEE, JR., ARCHIBALD McLEISH, RABBI ABBA SILVER and JOSE FERRER all received praise or build-ups in the Daily Worker and Peoples World. MAX LOWENTHAL'S book attacking the F. B. I., JOHN HOWARD LAWSON'S new book "Hidden Heritage", the Maryland Committee for Peace, Washington Post, Portland Oregonian, Western Reserve University's Tribune and a "prominent citizens' committee" of Springfield, Massachusetts, all received commy kudos for one reason or another.

There were also agonized columns of commy anguish over the alleged "blacklisting" of HOWARD FAST'S latest book "The Proud and the Free." Nor did an attempted boycott of the Daily Worker by New York City news vendors make the red fascists very happy. A series of New York Herald-Tribune articles charging American communists with plotting a campaign of terror and sabotage in event of hostilities with Russia naturally infuriated the comrades to a seething rage of outraged innocence.

Front-page headlines in the Daily Worker during the past thirty days were given over to charges that the U. S. and Syngman Rhee started the Korean war, rising living costs as result of this "imperialist war", political scandals and graft charges, rising dividends and extraordinary profits of big business,

attacks on General MacArthur and the U.S. war in Korea, attacks on the Internal Security Bill and arrests of various communists and C.P. stooges for diverse law violations, false charges of "thought control", "police state", abrogation of the Bill of Rights, illegal arrests, Negro terrorization and police brutality in general, attacks on General Clay and the N. Y. Civil Defense set-up, and phony alarms about attacks on labor. The Soviet or Chinese Red "peace" line exceeded all other headlines in frequency, size, and emphasis.

Editorials generally followed the line and emphasis of the front-page scare headlines. Allegations of "U. S. atrocities in Korea", attacks on MacArthur and seditious attacks on U. S. foreign policy together with phony Russian "peace" propaganda accounted for almost one-third of the full column editorials in the Daily and Sunday Workers. The rest were devoted to attacks on the McCarran Act, arrests and indictments of commies and their camp followers, Puerto Rican independence and denial of communist responsibility for the attempt on President Truman's life, charges that America was rearming the Japs and Germans, and miscellaneous items of interest to the Muscovites in this country.

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MONTHLY ANALYSIS OF COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA

(October 15 to November 15, inclusive)

The three general classifications of communists in trouble, i.e., arrests, trials, etc.; Negro and racial minority items; and phony Soviet "peace" propaganda continued last month to receive the lion's share of Daily Worker and Sunday Worker space. Seventeen other categories accounted for some 9,750 column inches of space as against the top priority "big three" which received 8,450 column inches. Other changes in relative positions were minor and without apparent significance.

	Column Inches
1. Trials, appeals, arrests, Loyalty program, commies in trouble . . .	3824
2. Negro and racial minority items, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, etc. . .	2835
3. Phony communist peace offensive, World Partisans of Peace, etc. . .	1800
4. Straight C.P. propaganda, "the line", unclassifiable.	1525
5. Union items, strikes, Taft-Hartley, C.P. unions in trouble, etc.. .	1464
6. Morale disintegration material, "nothing in U.S. any good" items. .	960
7. Attacks on C.I.O., A.F.L. and other non-C.P. unions and leaders . .	900
8. Foreign C.P.'s, Greece, China, Italy, France, Viet Nam, etc. . . .	795
9. Attacks on Truman Administration, Congress, State Governments . . .	590
10. Attacks on U.S. foreign policy, E.C.A., Atlantic Pact, etc.	515
11. Commie version of hot war in Far East	418
12. Straight pro-Soviet propaganda, items on Soviet Satellites, etc.. .	415
13. C.P. program, party life, fund drives, personalities.	394
14. High cost of living, rent gouges, evictions, housing scarcity . . .	369
15. Attacks on anti-communists, F.B.I., informants, H.U.A.C., Legion. .	342
16. Attacks on non-C.P. foreign governments, Italy, France, England . .	292
17. Israel and items of Jewish interest	285
18. Attacks on the Vatican, Catholic Church, A.C.T.U., etc.	164
19. American Labor Party, Wallace, Progressive Party, C.P. in politics. .	195
20. Unemployment, wage cuts, lay-offs, "depression is here now" items .	120

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MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

Commissioner of Welfare for New York City, Raymond Hilliard, speaking at a luncheon last month warned that communists and their secret supporters had already "begun the work of consciously undermining the civilian defense of the city." Commissioner Hilliard charged the commies with a whispering campaign of character assassination designed to create discord in the civilian defense set-up as well as raising false issues and making false charges with intent to disrupt and bedevil the civilian defense program.

The New York State Court of Appeals unanimously upheld the constitutionality of the Feinberg law which seeks to bar subversives from the state's public school system. The Feinberg Act had been passed by the 1949 Legislature but has been in the courts ever since. ARTHUR GARFIELD HAYES, an AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION lawyer acting for a group of school teachers who had challenged the validity of the law, served notice that he would ask the U. S. Supreme Court to review the case.

Speaking before the community forum of the Community Church of New York, Henry Wallace called upon the United States to increase its armed strength "as fast as possible" until Russia and Red China gave concrete evidence that they were interested in a specific and not a propaganda peace program. The former Vice President, who resigned from his leadership of the Progressive Party last Spring, admitted that he now realized that peace could not be obtained by meeting Russia half way. He also confessed that he had changed his mind about the desirability of admitting Communist China to the United Nations. Mr. Wallace also expressed doubt that purely military means could stop the advance of world communism and he urged greater emphasis on "economic, psychological and political" weapons. In a later speech on December 3, Mr. Wallace said he was convinced that

"Russia is out to dominate the world." He added: "Never has the United States been in such peril as right now and there is every indication that this peril will grow continually greater."

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INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE

The next meeting of the COMINFORM will be held in the Soviet sector of Berlin in the very near future.

GUNTHER STEIN, mentioned with AGNES SMEDLEY in an American Military Intelligence report on the famous Richard Sorge case as having been involved in Soviet espionage in the Far East, has been barred from France by the Surete Nationale as "undesirable." STEIN, who is now a correspondent for the Hindustani Times departed from the United States about three days after the release of the famous Sorge report.

GEORGE MALENKOV, now generally regarded as Stalin's most likely successor, has been missing from all Soviet functions for over two months. Nor have any Soviet papers carried any references to him. Malenkov is thought to be in Peiping with Molotov directing the strategy of the Soviets' next moves in the Far East.

Over a year ago this Summary predicted a worldwide network of Chinese Communist spies as a result of the sell-out of China to the Reds. News correspondents in the Far East now report several Chinese Communist spy schools at Hankow, Tientsin, and elsewhere. Chinese Communists trained in Russia are in charge of the spy academies. Young Chinese are being trained to infiltrate Malaya, Burma, Viet Nam, the Philippines, Thailand and Japan.

Dependable agents, returning from Hollywood, report seeing copies of "Red Channels" in the offices of several studios. Trouble seems to be while the movie boys have no qualms about buying and reading "Red Channels" they just haven't the heart to can any commies and fronters listed therein. (Or maybe we should say "guts.")

Yale Law School students put themselves on record, by a vote of 292 to 114, as condemning the California Board of Regents because of its loyalty oath program for all University of California faculty members.

EDWARD DMYTRYK and HERBERT BIBERMAN, convicted of contempt of Congress, have been paroled after serving five months of their six months' sentences. DMYTRYK goes to England to make more movies and BIBERMAN has a job with a textile firm in Los Angeles.

THOMAS MANN and a retired Episcopal Bishop of Utah, REV. ARTHUR MOULTON, have been elected honorary Co-chairmen of the AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN. The A.C.P.F.P. was cited as subversive by the U.S. Attorney General.

Henry Schuman, Inc., happily announces that it will publish in March the "first definitive biography of CHARLES CHAPLIN." The author is THEODORE HUFF.

The world premiere of "Cyrano de Bergerac" starring JOSE FERRER, to be held at San Juan, was cancelled by the government because of the Nationalist disturbances there last month. United Artists are distributors for the film. FERRER'S front record is appended to this issue as a special supplement.

The Internal Security Bill of 1950 "is a jumble of unwise and impractical efforts to secure the country by an attempt to control thought", former U.S. Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE stated in Chicago on November 28th. Mr. Biddle, now a National Chairman of AMERICANS FOR DEMOCRATIC ACTION, delivered a series of lectures on the loyalty program before Roosevelt College. He also bitterly attacked Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin for his charges of commy infiltration in the State Department.

Soviet broadcasts in several Middle Eastern languages and beamed at Iran, Iraq and the Middle East, have increased in virulence as well as in volume against the Iranian government. The broadcasts now predict that the hour of liberation for the down-trodden and exploited Iranians and others under the heel

of "reaction" in the Middle East is not far away. Watch for trouble in the Middle East before long. Russia is critically short of oil. America and western Europe depend on the oilfields of the Middle East.

The Levitt Town School Board has cancelled the use of YOUNG PEOPLES RECORD CLUB records in the schools of that Long Island community made up almost entirely of veterans' families. The American Legion Magazine article of December, 1949, is reported to put a serious dent in the business of both record clubs which use pro-communist artists and musicians.

The Trotzkyite paper Labor Action reports that couriers from Ukraine have brought out official confirmation that Lt. General Taras Chuprinka, military Commander-in-Chief of the Ukrainian Resistance movement, was killed in action last March fighting Soviet secret police troops near Lwow. General Chuprinka, whose right name was Roman Shukhevich, was only 43 years old. His entire adult life had been spent in revolutionary action against the Soviets. The G.P.U. had murdered his entire family: father, mother, wife, daughter, sons, brothers and sisters. Col. Wasil Koval has replaced General Chuprinka as head of the Ukrainian Underground Army.

KIM IL SUNG, speaking in Moscow on November 22nd, chief of the North Korean Communist state, boasted that "further retreats of the North Korean Army are only temporary and the situation at the front is changing in our favor." All Moscow papers printed his speech that North Korea was not fighting alone but would receive support from communists all over the world. Western papers and intelligence agencies probably failed to note.

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COMMUNISM IN THE LABOR MOVEMENT

About 600 lefties in or claiming to be in the labor movement gathered in Turner's Arena in Washington, D. C., November 29th and 30th, under the leadership of Harry Bridges. They claimed to represent eight unions ousted from the C.I.O. for being communist-controlled. Bridges advised against forming a third labor federation at this time either "formally or informally." However, top commissars of the so-called "progressive" unions should meet again frequently to "pool our resources and brains."

The Administration, the C.I.O., the A.F.L. and the "imperialist war" in Korea all came in for a typical party-line kicking around. Bridges also warned with remarkable clairvoyance that there will be "bigger and better witch-hunts against liberal and progressive people who speak out for disarmament and civil rights." The McCarran Bill was passed "to beat people into submission and silence", Bridges opined, but 'Arry, who faces both imprisonment on a perjury rap and ultimate deportation as a dangerous commy alien just oozed defiance and fight. "We cannot be intimidated by any of these laws they pass to intimidate us!" he snarled. Bridges claimed, without batting an eyelash, that he was being railroaded to prison because he spoke for peace.

JOSEPH SELLY, President of the communist-dominated AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS ASSOCIATION, acted as Chairman and warned his audience that the American labor movement faced its most serious crisis in its history. SELLY, without a single day's experience in any branch of the communications field, slipped into the Presidency of the A.C.A. in 1937 when MERVYN RATHBORNE was designed by the Communist Party for more important work in California. RATHBORNE later broke with the communists and testified against Bridges helping clinch the government's case against the West Coast longshorements' Red boss.

Other speakers at the Moscow-orientated labor rally included such well-known stalwarts as ESTHER LETZ, DAVID LIVINGSTON, CLIFFORD JOHNSON, ALBERT WHITE and VICTOR RABINOVITZ, all of New York.

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BIGOT AND HATE GROUPS

The American Commentator, published by Stephen Nenoff at Cedar City, Utah, has resumed publication with an October 25th issue. It does not like Averill Harriman, Acheson, or the United Nations. The Commentator is one of the less important anti-Semitic hate sheets limited to four pages tabloid size.

The Ku Klux Klan of Florida mails out its membership application blanks from River Junction, Florida. Initiation fees are \$10.00 for men and \$5.00 for women. "All Klan work is secret", the card reads, and men and women hold separate meetings. The card bears no signature, merely "00-4-6800 Imperial Wizard." The six-page Klansman is published at Jacksonville, Florida, but carries no regular publication dateline.

GERALD L.K. SMITH'S "Cross & Flag" continues to appear regularly despite the most hair-raising financial "crises" and is now back to its original 32 page format after several slenderized summer editions of sixteen pages. It is well printed and undoubtedly the largest and most carefully prepared of all the anti-Semitic and other bigot bulletins. G.L.K. SMITH also gets out periodically a newsy little newsletter full of hot dope and urgent requests for cash immediately to save the Christian Nationalist movement from folding up. SMITH'S tear-jerking techniques for separating his suckers from their cash is really remarkable and worthy of a better cause. He also hobnobs only with "top people in Washington" and knows everything (at least so he claims).

Smith modestly claims practically lonehanded credit for defeating James Roosevelt for Governor of California, for passing the McCarran Bill over President Truman's veto, and a few other minor jobs like licking Senator Thomas of Utah. There are many "other strategic victories which for strategic purposes I dare not put into print," Smith boasts. Smith's line does not change appreciably, or improve, with the years and a summarization of his slanders and nonsense is impossible because of space considerations as well as Smith's own unimportance.

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QUIPS AND BITS -- THE LIGHTER SIDE

The Chinese Communist radio, in boasting to the world about Soviet accomplishments, cracked: "The Soviet Union is the mightiest power on earth -- it completed three Five Year construction plans in twenty years."

HOWARD FAST, commy scribbler who recently completed a jail term for contempt of Congress, was denied a passport to attend the phony communist "world peace" conference at Warsaw. Grounds for refusal were that his attendance would be "contrary to the best interests of the United States." This moved Howard to Olympian wrath and he denounced this as a "despicable fraud." "I have already been in one of Harry Truman's prisons; now my whole country is a prison", Fast is quoted as saying. Speaking as a mouthpiece for Joe Stalin, Chief Warden of the world's greatest prison state, the boy should be listened to politely -- he ought to be an expert on prisons and slave labor camps. What really enraged Howard, however, was not being barred from leaving this prison of the U.S., but that some sly wit in State Department had sent the telegram of denial, COLLECT.

Wit and humor, like the priceless boon of human freedom, are hard to kill even behind the Iron Curtain. At a recent performance of "Aida" in the Budapest Opera House, now under communist operation, "Aida" sang the line "Rhadames, Rhadames, where art thou?" Which moved a kibitzer to shout from the darkness:

"At the communist party night school, of course!" The howling audience interrupted the opera until squads of secret police arrived on the double.

Another Stalinist contribution to human culture and advancement comes from Communist Hungary. State telephone girls instead of the stilted and hackneyed, "Hello, number please" in answering calls open up with a snappy: "Hands off Korea! -- what number are you calling?" This opens up an entire new world of snappy and catchy commy phone salutations. "Down with the bloodsucking vampires of Wall Street -- number please." "Long live the great and glorious Stalin! -- your line is busy." "The Soviet Union is the mighty and invincible power on earth, the peerless champion and defender of world peace -- sorry the circuit to Moscow is out of order."

Oh John Rogge once loved "good old Joe",
He just loved that man from head to toe.
Now Rogge's wised up and has started to cool,
Stalin's goons smeared him as a "Wall Street tool."

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ON THE FIRING LINE -- WHAT YOU CAN DO TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

The ALL-AMERICAN CONFERENCE TO COMBAT COMMUNISM held a two day conference in Buffalo, November 18th and 19th. Dr. J. B. Matthews, well-known to Legion audiences, spoke at the morning session on the "Zero Hour For United, Positive Action." The Americanism Division's own Research Specialist, Karl Baarslag, spoke at the afternoon session on "Communist Booby Traps." Angela Calomiris, former F.B.I. plant inside the Communist Party and a witness at the famous New York trial of eleven top C.P. leaders, was the guest of honor speaker at the Saturday evening banquet. Highlight and most dramatic part of the two-day program was the inspiring address made by the Conference's President, Dr. Daniel Poling.

Dr. Poling came to the defense of Chiang Kai-shek, had nothing but scorn for Acheson's long record of diplomatic Waterloos, and urged that Congress be petitioned to take a strong position opposing recognition of Red China or seating of Chinese communists in the U.N.

The Department of Florida's Mid-Winter Commanders' and Adjutants' Conference accented the theme, "The Role of the American Legion in the Fight Against Communism." A two-day joint session with the Auxiliary was held at Sanford, Florida, December 9th and 10th; Don Wilson, Past Commander of the Department of West Virginia, delivered a dynamic and very high level address completely dissecting the bankruptcy and complete inability of our State Department in even understanding world communism let alone dealing with it intelligently and courageously. He was frequently interrupted by prolonged applause and cheering. Don understands world communism even if Dean Acheson does not. Research Specialist, Karl Baarslag, spoke at the Sunday luncheon on the importance of understanding communist psychology, motivation, and operating techniques as a prerequisite to any successful counteroffensive against this most deadly menace.

He was followed by Paul Crouch, a former C.P. member and now a resident of Florida. Crouch, who studied revolutionary techniques in the Red Army is now an important government witness in trials and deportation hearings. He opened the eyes of his native Floridians with a precise account of the standing and personalities of the communist movement in Florida.

Other Department Mid-Winter Conferences might well consider the timeliness of having at least one recognized authority on communism from within their own state if possible, to brief their conference on communism. A list of top experts available for moderate fees and transportation can be secured from the Americanism Division, National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Reserve Officers Association of Ohio recently secured Mr. George Sokolsky as speaker at an Ohio Security Education Conference program. The communists, pinkos, and other traitors keep a long list of pro-Soviet apologists and other confusionist speakers and lecturers traveling around the country all the time. Do the organizations to which you belong do as much for pro-Americans and other experts with vitally important information of communism and how to expose and combat it?

Robert North, Jr., of the Kanawha Public Library, Charleston, West Virginia, is an alert and patriotic librarian whose example should be cited to your local librarian. Mr. North, not a Legionnaire, obtained a copy of the Americanism Division's "Recommended Reading List." He found that his library had all but eight titles on the list. Mr. North ordered the eight books. In other words, Charleston, West Virginia, can now boast that its library has as good a reference section on communism and how to combat it as the libraries of much larger cities.

Brookline, Massachusetts, for example, had a library that was a disgrace to the community -- until the local Legion did something about it. Americanism Chairman, Dr. James McGrath, refused to believe his eyes and ears when he learned that the Brookline Library did not carry "Seeds of Treason", the story of ALGER HISS. Then when the local Legion offered to buy and donate copies of this very important book, the librarian sniffed that they would not accept the free volumes because "Seeds of Treason" was "biased and prejudicial." That's one for Ripley. Needless to add, this truly incredible and alleged "library" had all the books of such characters as GEORGE SELDES, HOWARD FAST, ALBERT KAHN and other notorious party liners, commies, and pro-commies. Want to bet that the Brookline Library also proudly carried Prof. Lattimore's "Ordeal by Slander"?

Dr. McGrath finally won out after several months of wrangling and the library trustees tried to put a good face on an otherwise dirty business by trying to shift the blame to unfavorable reviews. Brookline is the home of many Harvard College profs — nuff sed! Dr. McGrath and the Brookline Legion deserve some form of commendation. As for the Brookline Library, we suggest that Stalin send it an autographed set of his works!

The Americanism Division's Recommended Book List will be completely revised with all new titles published the past six months. The new list will go out with every issue of the January Summary. It will also be available in small quantities upon request to the National Americanism Commission at National Headquarters about January 10th.

Don't miss "Red Masquerade" by Angela Calomiris, a scrappy little New York girl of Greek ancestry who spent seven dreary years in the Communist Party as an "eye" for the F.B.I. Fascinating — eye-opening — delightfully and lightly told personal story of a small C.P. hack's day to day life. Get it. See that it is in your local library. Bet you a dollar you won't find "Red Masquerade" in the Brookline, Massachusetts, libraries either — unless the Legion buys and donates it!

"Men Without Faces" by Louis Budenz — reviewed by Jack Wren of the
ALL-AMERICAN CONFERENCE TO COMBAT COMMUNISM:

The high functionary who decamps from the Communist Party is a rare bird. Much rarer is one who tells what he knows. Louis Budenz is the most important former C.P. functionary to tell his story since Ben Gitlow's classic, "I Confess" of 11 years ago. For ten years Budenz was Managing Editor of the Daily Worker, doubling in brass as an agent for the secret Russian police in this country. His book, "Men Without Faces" is an absorbing expose of a decade in Stalin's underground in this country.

Budenz reveals once again that behind its phony political front, the C.P., U.S.A., is a conspiracy of plots, espionage, and assassination. For the first time the part which American communists played in the murder of Leon Trotsky is brought to light. Budenz also acted as talent scout for the M.V.D., and he initially set up the chain of contacts and introductions that gained the G.P.U. killer "Jackson" admittance to Trotsky's closely guarded fortress-home near Mexico City.

Public opinion polls show that most people believe the Communist Party to be an agency of the Soviet government. Yet Stalinists have successfully infiltrated and influenced even the most important fields of American life — government, education, science, entertainment, and mass communications. This would have been impossible if our citizenry had been intelligently informed and instructed on the precise nature and working techniques of these Moscow termites in our midst. One of the Reds' most effective "secret weapons" has been the widespread ignorance and misinformation about their program and methods. To paraphrase Churchill — never were so many so hopelessly ignorant about so few.

This idiot's delight regrettably was not confined to the average man in the street. Budenz, a hardened C.P. official and Soviet underground talent scout, was both astonished and delighted when President Roosevelt's confidential advisor, Harry Hopkins, sought his advice about Stalin's personality and political intentions!

Communists have long known that as an organized minority they can always outwit and hoodwink the vast unorganized, ignorant majority. A doctor who would try to diagnose and cure some new strange malady without first learning something about its causative germs would be denounced as a quack. An indispensable condition for the exposure and defeat of communism in this country, operating as it does through a thousand false fronts and with a mystifying change of camouflage, is a thorough understanding of its history, grand strategy, tactics, psychology and ultimate goal. "Men Without Faces" is an excellent and indispensable introduction to the whole vast and complex problem of modern, streamlined subversion in this country.

"My Retreat From Russia" by Vladimir Petrov. Yale University Press. \$4.00.
Reviewed by Junius B. Wood, internationally famous correspondent and authority of Russia.

This is a vivid story of the hardships and confusions of civilian life on the fringes of the fighting fronts of the Soviet Union, Austria, Germany and Italy. It opens when a radio announcement of Hitler's invasion of Russia, June 22, 1941, breaks up a card game in Siberia and ends amid the arrival of the American Army in Milan, April 29, 1945. Largely by his own energy and ingenuity, the writer, loafing or fleeing as suited his convenience, made his way from a Soviet labor camp on the Arctic Ocean to a hit or miss vagabond life under American occupation.

After 6 years as political prisoner, he was 26 years old and had progressed from a laborer in the gold mines to a free civilian employe. He left the camp with 5,500 rubles in his pocket, his baggage and complete travel documents -- more than American prisons provide. He soon lost them after too much vodka. His later wanderings show a surprising ability for evading laws and orders and for ingratiating himself with officials in various countries.

Whether he was actually present at so many violent events which became well known history and whether his musings of those moments are after-thoughts of his present sheltered life as a Yale faculty member, may be immaterial. They have popular appeal. They add to the crowded daily incidents which picture the tyranny and contempt for human life and happiness by communist, Nazi or Fascist forms of government and the victims' hate for laws and authorities.

"My Retreat From Russia" is a story of the little people, the pawns of world politics, of which Petrov was one. As that, it is absorbing reading.

Recent books that are NOT recommended:

"The F.B.I."	Max Lowenthal	Wm. Sloane Associates
"Ordeal by Slander"	Owen Lattimore	Little, Brown & Co.
"Security, Loyalty & Science"	Walter Gellhorn	Cornell University
"The Proud and the Free"	Howard Fast	
"Hidden Heritage"	John Howard Lawson	

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IMPORTANT NOTES

Proposed Change in SUMMARY Form. The work of reading, digesting and writing the Summary has so enormously increased during the past year that it is becoming a very difficult task to handle. Members of the newly formed Un-American Activities Committee feel that the material included in the Summary is of considerable value to intelligence officers and other counter-subversive experts, but is beyond the field of interest to the average Legionnaire at the community level.

It is thought that a four-page newsletter issued twice a month, and mailed first-class, along the lines of Alert and Counterattack, with practical hints as to what Legion Posts could do at community level to combat and expose subversion, would be of greater value than the Summary in its present form.

In addition to the proposed semi-monthly newsletter, subscribers will receive the excellent semi-monthly Analysis report put out by the ALL-AMERICAN CONFERENCE TO COMBAT COMMUNISM, and from time-to-time topical studies and specially prepared reports along the line of those issued in the past, such as the Peekskill riots report, "Pattern of Communist Racial Incitations", "The Communist Underground", etc.

Will you, as a present subscriber, advise us as soon as possible as to your reaction regarding the proposed change? In answering, please advise name, address and Legion title or affiliation.

The January issue of the Summary will contain a special report dealing with Soviet espionage in this country. The list of inappropriate speakers, entertainers and others published in last May's issue of the Summary will be completely revised and republished in the January Summary.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH. Mrs. McCullough, Parsonage Road, Greenwich, Connecticut, courageously tackled alone the problem of a community inviting two alleged "entertainers" with long fellow travelling records. She protested and turned in her tickets. All of America knows what it cost her -- over \$50,000 in legal costs with a hung jury unable to decide the case. She is still some \$20,000 in debt. NOT A SINGLE AMERICAN LAWYER CAME TO HER DEFENSE ON A NO PAY BASIS. Collazo, who attempted the life of President Truman gets free legal counsel. In other words it pays to be an assassin of

an American President — it does not pay to be a patriot and to expose a couple of crummy pinkos. The American Bar Association ought to think that one over.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

JOSE FERRER

Actor, stage and screen

Record of pro-Communist activity:

VOICE OF FREEDOM COMMITTEE Cited as Communist front - California Committee on Un-American Activities

On committee of dinner in honor of Dorothy Parker, 1/21/48. Invitation to Dinner. DOROTHY PARKER has been affiliated with from 21 to 30 Communist-front organizations according to the House Committee on Un-American Activities Review of the Scientific and Cultural Conference for World Peace, page 18.

YOUNG PROGRESSIVES OF AMERICA

Sponsor, Youth Salute to F.D.R.

DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD 4/21/49 p 3, 5. PLAIN TALK 6/19/47 p 15

MAY DAY PARADE "annual mobilization of Communist strength" - House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Supporter. DAILY WORKER 4/22/46 p 4.

COMMITTEE FOR REELECTION OF BENJAMIN J. DAVIS. Communist N.Y.C. Councilman.

Sponsor. DAILY WORKER 9/25/45 p 12.

VOICE OF FREEDOM COMMITTEE (See above)

Save the VOF Committee Dinner.

Sponsor. VOF Committee leaflet. No date.

Signer of petition. Facsimile of signature, VOF leaflet.

PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA Cited as Communist front by California Committee on Un-American Activities

"Free The Movies" Rally. Speaker 12/10/47, Manhattan Center, N.Y.C. DAILY WORKER 12/10/47 p 7.

Speaker. PM 2/28/47 p 17.

Member, Executive Committee of Theatre Division. PROGRESSIVE CITIZEN 3/47 p 4.

JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE. Cited as Communist by Attorney General Entertainer. NEW MASSES 12/21/43 p 31.

Speaker, Madison Square Garden Rally of SPANISH REFUGEE APPEAL OF JAFRC., N.Y.C. 9/24/45 DAILY WORKER 9/25/45 p 1-2

NATIONAL WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT COMMITTEE

Member. Membership list of Committee dated 3/26/48. Also DAILY WORKER 3/26/48 p 7.

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES, AND PROFESSIONS. Cited as Communist by California Committee on Un-American Activities

Member, Board of Directors. Letterhead, 3/28/46

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS. Initiating agency for Cultural & Scientific Conference for World Peace, held in N.Y.C. March 25-27, 1948 and branded by the United States State Department as a sounding board for Soviet propaganda. Sponsor, this Conference. Official program. Signer of statement urging abolition of House Committee on Un-American Activities. Letterhead received Jan. 1949. Also Advertisement N.Y. STAR 1/4/49 p 9.

Signer of statement attacking House Committee on Un-American Activities. DAILY WORKER 12/29/48 p 2.

ARTISTS' FRONT TO WIN THE WAR Cited as a Communist front by Special Committee on Un-American Activities
Sponsor. Program AFWW 10/16/42 p 4. Appendix 9, p 575

CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS Cited as Communist by Attorney General
Public sponsor, VETERANS AGAINST DISCRIMINATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS OF NEW YORK. Letterhead 5/11/46

ALL ARTS STOP CENSORSHIP COMMITTEE
Speaker and Photo. DAILY WORKER 3/26/48 Co-Chairman. NY Herald Tribune 3/24/48

NEW YORK STATE ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS COUNCIL
Chairman, Theatre Division. DAILY WORKER 5/18/48 p 13. Vice-Chmn. DW 6/11/48 p 2.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR THE PROTECTION OF FOREIGN BORN Cited as Communist by Attorney General
Sponsor, Dinner. Appendix 9, House Un-American Activities Committee, p 348.

CITIZENS NON-PARTISAN COMMITTEE FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF BENJAMIN J. DAVIS TO CITY COUNCIL Sponsor, Artists, Writers and Professional Division THE WORKER 9/30/45, p 14. Davis was Communist Councilman, N.Y.C.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER IN HONOR OF FERDINAND G. SMITH (Communist)
Sponsor. Program 9/20/44

WIN THE PEACE CONFERENCE
Sponsor Program 4/5/46

NATIONAL CITIZENS EMERGENCY RELIEF COMMITTEE TO AID STRIKERS FAMILIES
Member, national board. THE WORKER 3/17/46 p 5

SEE "RED CHANNELS" FOR OTHER LISTINGS OF PRO-COMMUNIST AFFILIATIONS.

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ALL-AMERICAN CONFERENCE TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

ANALYSIS AND INFORMATION SERVICE BULLETIN

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Great upheavals in the communist empire are slated to follow the loss of the Korean war. Not a mere setback to the communists, but an absolute reversal, the loss of that war threatens their grip in other places of the world. It means loss of face in the face-conscious Orient, sets back their time-table of conquest, challenges the myth of the infallibility of Stalin and represents the first time that a piece of territory has slipped from communist control.

The myth of the infallibility of Stalin is one of the most serious violations. This myth must be preserved at all costs. It makes inevitable a severe shake-up in the Soviet high command. Somebody must be the scapegoat. Molotov was demoted from his post as Minister of Foreign Affairs after the failure of the Berlin blockade. Already, the experts in New York say, the signs are present that a major crisis is in the making -- perhaps amounting even to a split in the Politburo. It is predicted that some leaders will disappear and others, who have been little heard of, will be brought forward.

Not only is there a crisis brewing in the Russian Communist Party, but there is a major shake-up approaching in the East German Communist Party. Our experts described as nothing short of sensational the line which is being taken by the Moscow radio. The charge is made over it that the East German Communist Party is shot through with Trotskyism. This is a charge of the utmost seriousness in Communist Party ranks. It can only portend a purge. And the name of Gerhard Eisler, the former Comintern agent in this country who skipped bail and escaped on the liner Batory, seems to be slated to lead all the rest.

Also, look for the name of Noel Field to pop into the headlines soon. He is a former State Department figure whose disappearance in Europe several months ago caused considerable wonderment.

KREMLIN PLANS SET BACK A YEAR

Perhaps the most important result of all this turmoil behind the Iron Curtain, as a consequence of the reversals in Korea, is that the time-table for aggression has been set backward. Two of our best-informed experts in the international sphere agreed that if the Reds had succeeded in Korea, if they had swept us off the peninsula as they had expected, then other aggressions would have happened soon, with a paralyzing move in Germany high on the agenda.

But that schedule has now been upset. The thing happened just the other way around. It is highly doubtful now if the Kremlin will get back onto its time-table for another year -- maybe two years. Moves into Yugoslavia do not seem likely any time soon. Even big-scale stuff in Asia is set back, certainly anything which might bring a show-down, such as an invasion of Formosa at the present time. The successes of Ho Chih-Minh against the French and the Viet Nameese in Indo-China provides some measure of propaganda comfort to the communists, but they do not begin to balance what has happened in Korea.

In the political sphere, the Kremlin will be forced to recoil and regroup. The prediction, made by this Bulletin in its first issue, that Moscow will put on a peace offensive, is being substantiated by events. Many persons think, from the term "peace offensive" that it is something open, plainly discernible and even dramatic in its initial stages. But that is not the way the communists work. Their peace offensive is likely to be hidden, subterranean, and devious in the early stages. It can be discerned only by close attention to many little things. A pattern of easing down the cold war can be traced in some recent events.

RETURN OF THE UNITED FRONT

The experts, both in Washington and in New York, predicted that we shall soon see a return of that old pre-war favorite — the "United Front" policy.

Signs which point to this are:

- (1) Vishinsky has recently made a speech foreshadowing this policy.
- (2) William Z. Foster, head of the American Communist Party, has written an article, couched in double-talk, but indicating the same thing — even to suggesting that the comrades support President Truman and the Fair Deal candidates.
- (3) From Paris comes the word that in the past three weeks communists have been called off from their direct sabotage of rearmament.
- (4) An Associated Press story from Paris recounted that a new policy has been promulgated in "Cahiers du Communisme", the same French communist organ used to signalize the change of American leadership from Browder to Foster. The new policy is to work more closely with French labor groups like Workers Force and Christian Unionists in a united front, linking the "battle for bread" with the "battler for peace". Some success is already reported for this policy, with those non-communist labor groups joining the communists in several instances.

Of course, the kind of United Front they anticipate is the same kind looked forward to by a python with a rabbit.

In the kind of thing we have here — a cooling off of the cold war as a tactic — we should not confuse it with anything of greater promise. It is a short-term policy. It is not to be confused with an admission by Moscow that capitalist stabilization has been attained, that, therefore, the great tidal movement of history is at an ebb for the Soviet Union and it should lie dormant, risking no adventures in that period. This was the sort of thing admitted and announced by Lenin shortly after the close of the first World War. That period of ebb lasted until the great depression of the thirties — roughly a period of ten to twelve years.

One of our experts warned that, although Stalin has had his nose bloodied by the events in Korea and has been given cause to think by such events, they are not enough to cause him to consider that capitalist stabilization has been reached and to draw in his horns over a long period of time. If, in a year or so, Stalin gets two more such set-backs, his Georgian caution will be greatly stimulated toward the stabilization theory, but hardly otherwise. The expert who expressed this view went on to say that, whereas there have been no popular uprisings in the satellite countries of Europe, a new spirit is bound to infuse the people there, now, after Korea. They are bound to be thinking in terms of "Well, if it can be thrown off in Korea, why not here?" The satellite citizen's reaction to Korea is a thing which Stalin and his advisors will have to worry about.

SOME INDICATIONS FROM THE WEST

Coincident with evidences of the tactical cooling down of the cold war on the part of the Kremlin are signs from our own camp that we would meet the Soviets half way. Winston Churchill this past week has made a speech in which he reversed his field, turning from his generally pessimistic reading of world events to one which held that the prospects for general peace have been greatly enhanced by Korea. He intimated the way is open for negotiation and settlement for the long term. At least one of our New York group expressed the opinion that, right now, secret meetings are going on between the British and the Soviets.

Some very big stakes are now on the boards for which the British Foreign Office is playing, according to this expert. Our State Department is feeling consistent pressure (and in some quarters it is not being resisted, to say the least) to make compromises and deals which look toward the following set-up:

- (1) Getting the Russians out of East Germany.
- (2) Re-uniting Germany.
- (3) Making long-term settlements over Germany as a whole.
- (4) Getting a commitment (for whatever it is worth) that the Soviet Union will make no further advances either in Europe or Asia.
- (5) Getting a peace-treaty with Japan, agreed upon by the Big Three.

In return for this:

- (1) Red China would be recognized by us.
- (2) Red China would be admitted as a permanent member of the Security Council of the United Nations.
- (3) Formosa would be abandoned by us.
- (4) The Oder-Neisse line would be officially marked as the Eastern boundary of Germany.

Some of the group took the view that Mao Tze-tung did not move against Korea because of his confidence of gaining points 1, 2 and 3 in the list immediately above. It was regarded as an "aforegone conclusion" that our State Department would cause the 7th Fleet to be called away from its guard duty over the straits of Formosa at an early date. They also pointed to the many indications that the United States is marching straight toward recognition and acceptance of Red China on the Security Council.

THE WAKE ISLAND MEETING

All of this brought the group in New York around to the point of discussing President Truman's trip to Wake Island, which had culminated just that day in a one-hour meeting between the President and General MacArthur, plus a two-hour meeting of all officials.

The view generally taken was that the President "laid down the law" to MacArthur, on the general foreign policy line of the United States. It was not much of a consultation, they opined, but rather the issuance of orders from the Commander in Chief, in person -- an action which could not be disregarded or misunderstood by General MacArthur. They pointed out that General MacArthur had been something of a law unto himself in the Western Pacific and had frequently disregarded instructions, particularly those from the State Department. Only recently, the President had had occasion to order withdrawn a statement which the General had made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars on the necessity of holding Formosa.

One speculation, offered purely as such by a member of the Analysis Board who knows General MacArthur, was to the effect that General MacArthur had resigned because of the way he had been slapped down about the Formosa statement and because he did not want to be a party to what he regarded as an appeasement policy. The President's journey in this theory was to dissuade him from the resignation, entirely if possible, and, if the General persisted, to get him to hold off the announcement until after the elections.

SUMMARY

Upheavals in the Russian and German Communist Parties are due. The schedule of aggression by Soviet Russia should be set back by a year. One of the main gambits in the ensuing "Peace Offensive" is the "United Front". Signs are seen of British mediation to reach a settlement in which Formosa would be abandoned and Red China recognized.

One of the most shameful aspects of Communism is the system of slave labor camps which are maintained for political prisoners in the Soviet Union. Their existence is vehemently denied by the Kremlin and all Communists.

Today in this country there are men who can meet this denial with the most devastating reply possible: "I was there!" They are banded together in the Association of Former Political Prisoners of Soviet Labor Camps. David J. Dallin, whose book "Forced Labor in Soviet Russia" did so much to uncover this festering sore, vouches for their authenticity.

The members of the Association wish to dramatize for the American people the facts about slave labor in the Soviet Union. They propose to build an exhibit, take it on tour of the principal cities and be living witnesses, themselves. All that stands in the way of this project is the raising of a few thousand dollars and the provision of some lecture dates.

Participating organizations are asked to spread the word about this to their memberships. Further information can be obtained through the Washington office.

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PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

The game for the minds of people goes on lustily. Communism scores plenty of hits and runs while democracy occasionally makes a base. This game is played with superb skill by our enemies, but our role is often that of a rank novice. Our poor grasp relating to political or psychological warfare is frequently cited as democracy's most serious deficiency in preventing the masses from coming under the sway of communism.

Communist successes are not always due to their brilliance. Often they are merely the result of our inability to fully exploit their clumsy blunders. Their tested strategy in this game shows that they are seldom lax in taking advantage of ours. And victories are won by the side that knows how to turn its opponents' mistakes to its own advantage.

Recent history, disastrous to ourselves, illustrates the logic of this opinion. Our efforts to save China from communism were paralyzed by an energetic propaganda campaign carried on in our midst by a swarm of "liberals" around a hard core of veteran Stalinist practitioners.

So effective was their work that large sections of the public came to firmly believe that Chiang Kai-Shek embodied the central evil that kept Asiatic masses in perpetual slavery. On our policy-making level this perfidious campaign was even more deadly.

Advisors, whose allegiance lay in the East, persuaded us to leave the Chinese government in the lurch and play ball with the "agrarian reformers." Only after the debacle there did it become clear how purposeful and efficient was this propaganda.

It is generally agreed that the New York Times reflects much of America's thinking and sets the journalistic tone for many papers across the nation. Its editors dramatically confessed our political bankrupt policy toward China. They cried loudly that we were "bamboozled" and "swindled" for accepting Mao and his cohorts as genuine peasant leaders, but characteristically refused to suggest a more likely and stringest policy for future guidance. This pattern of defeatism remains unchanged. Those forces in Asia battling communist aggression, who deserve our aid are plastered as "little Chiang Kai-Sheks." Bao Dai in Indo-China, Syngman Rhee in Korea, Quirino in the Philippines and Chiang in Formosa are unremitting targets for the pro-communist preachers of defeatism.

If America accepts their thesis, we would be left with no alternative but to seek communists as allies in Asia in our fight to defeat communism. And this is exactly the purpose of their propaganda.

America's refusal to heed such defeatism when the Greek civil war broke out was a principal factor in saving that nation from becoming another Soviet satellite.

Another phase of this propaganda that jellifies our resistance to red imperialism is the argument that masses, especially in Asia, are economically more secure under communist regimes. This specious line, like the big lie, has been repeated often enough to be accepted as fundamental truth in sections of America inhabited by opinion-makers — newspapers, magazines, radio, universities, etc.

Typical of such reasoning is the Times' published article by Columbia University's Nathaniel Peffer, a recognized authority on Asia in opinion-making circles. Dwelling on the intellectuals' (opinion-makers') role in China, he writes: "Nearly all of them have reconciled themselves to communism on the reasoning that political democracy must come after a durable foundation is laid to society and that if democracy's privileges must be sacrificed to establish an economic order in which hunger is not the ordained portion, the price is not too big." How Peffer and his co-thinkers are privy to the inner thought processes of Chinese intellectuals under the red dictatorship is a matter for speculation. If he has taken a personal opinion poll in that country, it remains a deep secret.

This type of propaganda, Board Members pointed out, can be countered by hard elementary facts. At the time Professor Peffer wrote his piece China experienced probably one of its worst famines in recent years.

Nor is famine under communism limited to Asia. The severest one ever suffered by the Russian people was under Stalin's regime in 1932-33. Czarism at its worst was never guilty of an agrarian policy that engendered mass hunger on so huge a scale.

Even rebellious communist nations are not exempt from totalitarian mismanagement. Tito's agrarian policies plunged the Yugoslavs into a desperate crisis. Had not America intervened with food supplies, Tito's subjects would have paid dearly in health and life for the "economic security" of communism.

In pre-war Eastern European countries, however feudal in outlook, there was no history of mass famine. Yearly crops yielded a sufficiency to keep the people from knowing hunger as an organized way of life. Communism is unique in that people under it are doled the minimum of food that represents the difference between chronic underfeeding and acute starvation.

Throughout history people have migrated from famine areas to lands that promised food. Today the mass exodus is from communist countries to the West. Ample testimony is offered by thousands of refugees that their flight was motivated by need for more food. There is no noticeable trek from West to East.

The incessant propaganda in behalf of communism on grounds of "economic security" is seldom challenged by facts. For this reason it readily finds its way into the press, radio, campus and pulpit. It is natural for people to accept such ideas if they hear little or nothing from our side.

Board Members suggest that affiliated organizations of the All-American Conference can effectively make our side heard in every community in which we live. Wherever and whenever defeatist propaganda finds its way into the press or radio, letters should be sent to the editor or station manager pointing out the facts.

It is not implied that editors and radio executives are subversive. But it is the naked truth that ignorance of such matters often prevents these key personnel from realizing they are being used as political Typhoid Marys. If friendly relations are established with them, it will facilitate acceptance of our views and alert them to any devious defeatist propaganda.

UNION OF POLITICS AND ARMS

An especially invaluable asset to communism is its ability to unify arms and politics in action. This accounts in no small measure for its undeniably tremendous achievements. It is the art of attaining major goals at minimum cost. In the early days of the Korean war the advantages of combining the two were amply demonstrated. Red leaders had a clear picture of everything that went on in the front and rear of fighting lines. We did not.

Modern wars are just as political as they are military. Communists realize this and give guerilla fighters equal status with regular military units. Political cadres armed with a pistol, grenade or fistful of plastic explosive can easily prevent costly-trained and armed troops from achieving their objective.

Communist guerillas in Asia pattern their strategy after the successes of their comrades in Russia. Mao's victory in China has demonstrated its workability everywhere. In this kind of fighting, communists have measured their enemies correctly. They have found no better way of bleeding them white. In Malaya, for example, British and Malayan troops kill an average of three communist guerillas a day, but at a cost of over \$33,000.00 per red.

Can the West combine politics and arms in its fight against communism? Some 800,000,000 people are under its domination covering one-third of the world's area. Sizable bodies of men and women refuse to be digested by the totalitarian state. In China alone, according to Chou En-Lai, 250,000 guerillas consume no small part of the government's finances and energy. They will continue to harass the reds until they are wiped out, or get enough aid and support to organize a formidable army of liberation against their oppressors.

Guerillas can't long operate unless, in addition to outside aid, the civilian population cooperates with food, shelter, information, etc. Civilians won't undertake this hazardous chance unless they are sure whatever sacrifices they make will not be in vain. If they are morally certain their cause is just, then every raid against government installations will fortify their belief in final victory.

Several Board Members pointed to China as an excellent proving ground for subversive warfare against world communism. Unlike the Russian regime, its leaders have far from consolidated their rule. This country is plagued by famine and discontent. Raids from Formosa and guerilla forays from within will contribute substantially toward preventing Mao and his comrades from establishing a monolithic state in the near future.

China, too, is a financially inexpensive country to begin operations. One American dollar will buy many thousands of Chinese dollars. Human imagination will not be hard pressed to realize what this would mean in terms of an information service and other aids to permit the anti-communist guerilla movement greater scope of activity.

If this strategy sounds shocking, Board Members point to the harsh fact that red China is at war with us now. It is an undeclared war as yet and for this reason is to the immense advantage of the communists. Hordes sweep down on our troops from Manchuria, but we may not pursue them to their bases beyond the Yalu river. This is a form of guerilla war on a grand scale.

CHINA'S INTERVENTION IN KOREA

Why did China wait until our troops captured most of Korea before attacking us? It would have been no problem to maintain supply lines when the Korean reds had our men squeezed in a tight corner in the southern tip of the country. If Mao chose then, his army could have added the necessary push to drive ours into the sea.

One of the Board Members described China's intervention as a war of limited liability. It is a gamble that forces America to recognize Mao's regime as the principal factor in dealing with Asia. He is surely aware of the very dangerous game he started, but banks on appeasement policy to dominate Washington.

Several experts feel that Mao would never dare this kind of gamble if he for a moment believed America would promptly retaliate by bringing the war home to him. The Kremlin is undoubtedly behind this politico-military venture. While there is considerable guidance from Russia, events show that Mao is acting a good deal on his own.

China certainly is not prepared for an all-out war. While she does have ample manpower, her productive capacity is far from adequate to wage campaigns on the high technical level demanded by modern warfare. Her army is equipped with assorted weapons, the best of which are Japanese, American and Russian. Native industry is not tooled to produce arms of comparable quality.

Serious complications will result from this deficiency. Without standardization of weapon parts or ammunition, Mao's army will inevitably bog down from lack of replacements. Much of this can be balanced by guerilla war plus supplies from Russia. But the Soviet factories can only replace parts for its own weapons. They are not equipped to make parts for American or Japanese weapons.

The opinion was expressed that China will dare an all-out war only with Russian assurance that the latter will participate as an active ally. It is doubtful, however, whether the Kremlin feels ready to match Russian industry with America's. For this reason some Board Members contend that a bold, forthright challenge to Peiping would not be amiss. If told to stop their aggression or suffer the penalty of having the war brought to China in full fury, it is felt we still have a chance to stave off World War III.

S U M M A R Y * * * * *

Modern warfare is highly political, and a thorough understanding of this is indispensable to victory.

We must begin now by winning the battle for the minds of people. In America this can be done by opposing defeatist propaganda appearing in all media of communications, whether by intention or ignorance.

We should subsidize and encourage guerilla forces in China, for they are the nucleus of our future allies against communism in Asia.

America should demand withdrawal of Chinese troops from Korea on penalty of having its industrial centers bombed.

China lacks advanced technical industry for modern war, but her guerilla strategy will be an important compensating factor.

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THE SPOTLIGHT

FREEDOM. The Sunday WORKER as well as other Communist organs have laid heavy emphasis on the urgency and top priority importance of boosting and pushing the circulation of a new, "progressive" paper entitled FREEDOM set up to "advance the struggle for Negro rights." Two issues have appeared thus far. Subscription rate is a dollar per year and it is published by FREEDOM ASSOCIATES, 53 West 125th Street, New York. The new, "progressive" Negro journal is printed on the presses of the T.U.S. Press, Inc., 17 Murray Street, New York, which in the past also printed for the Communist-controlled U.E. NEWS and National Guardian.

Sceptics still having any doubts as to the political coloration of FREEDOM are advised that its leading columnist is that "sterling patriot" PAUL ROBESON, and its Editor is no other than the well known Stalinist hack LOUIS E. BURNHAM. FREEDOM'S editorial board should dissolve any lingering legalistic doubts as to its paternity and purpose in life: VICTORIA GARVIN, EWART GUINIER, CHARLES P. HOWARD of Des Moines, Iowa, ROBERT LUCAS, and GEORGE B. MURPHY, JR., of the UNITED NEGRO AND ALLIED VETERANS of America.

FAIRPLAY PUBLISHERS. If your name is on the mailing list of the NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP it now also is on the new sucker list of an obscure and apparently new left wing publishing house calling itself FAIRPLAY PUBLISHERS, Suite 2800, 165 Broadway, New York. It proudly announces, using the N.C.A.S.F.'s list, that it has just brought forth into the book world something called "ALL QUIET IN THE KREMLIN" by party-liner GEORGE MARION. Printing for FAIRPLAY PUBLISHERS is done by the Direct Mail Envelope Company, of 15 West 20th Street, New York, which in the past has also printed for the "HOLLYWOOD TEN DEFENSE COMMITTEE" and National Guardian.

REV. DRYDEN L. PHELPS. A Baptist missionary in China recently made the headlines (and also got a nice pat on the back by the conmy press) when he

advised his fellow Americans that, "God is working alongside of these Communists" -- meaning the Chinese Reds. This and other similar remarks presumably led to the recall to this country of REV. DRYDEN L. PHELPS by the Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. The present whereabouts and activities of the REV. DRYDEN L. PHELPS is not known, but it is a safe bet that he will soon turn up somewhere in the U.S. as a "progressive" lecturer or speaker telling American church audiences the "real truth" about Communist China and its "agrarian reformers" who are "working alongside of God." Reports on the whereabouts and activities of the REV. DRYDEN L. PHELPS will be appreciated by the National Americanism Commission.

NEW WORLD REVIEW. Under date of January 19, Soviet Russia Today announces to its subscribers that in order to reach a larger audience and to "bring more information and understanding to more Americans" a change of name is being made to New World Review. S.R.T. also yearns to be an "even more effective instrument for the growing peace forces of our country." As Shakespeare would say, "A rose by any other name...."

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THE WORLD COMMUNIST FRONT

Meanwhile, the world-wide cold war of American dollars versus Communist words goes on with the final victory still far away and in the balance. Considerable controversy has naturally arisen in this country as to how the battle is going. Superficially it would seem that empty and intangible words of Communist propaganda would not stand the slightest chance whatever against the good practical assistance brought by Marshall Plan and E.C.A. dollars. The cold and unpalatable fact, however, seems to be that at least in some countries American dollars and friendship have definitely lost out to Communist propaganda and threats. The reason for this paradox or mystery is not hard to dig out.

Communists are cold, cynical, practical realists. Those who devise world-wide Communist strategy and the propaganda to advance it are profound students of national psychologies and weaknesses. Rossi's "Communist Party in Action", published recently, is one of the first serious studies which dissects and analyzes the basic reasons for success enjoyed by Communist propagandists who suffer from the fundamental weakness of having to prove that black is white, that the lie is truth, that war is peace, etc., etc.

This Summary has constantly reiterated many of our present difficulties vis-a-vis with the world Communist problem stems directly and incontrovertibly from the fact that so many of our western intellectual and other leaders could not bring themselves to study in an attempt to understand precisely what the whole problem posed by world Communism meant to their world.

France presents an interesting example of the triumph of Communist propaganda over American dollars even among classes who hate and fear Communism. At practically no expense the Communist propagandists created a tremendous edifice of stark lies which, up to the present at least, seem to have overshadowed the undeniable and tangible benefits of American economic aid. Here's their story: American capitalism, facing a disastrous economic crises far worse than 1929-33, was forced to dump surplus and inferior American products all over the world under the phony guise of "relief" and economic assistance. The real purpose, of course, was to destroy French economy and to enslave the French as mere economic serfs of Wall Street. Apprehensive that even this dastardly plot might fail, the fiends of Wall Street were going further and secretly plotting World War III in order to coin still more profits out of human blood, to stop the advancing forces of peace and Socialism all over the world, and to bring all of mankind under the black flag and iron heel of Fascism.

Boiled down and over-simplified the whole elaborate Communist thesis on the world crisis and what brought it about sounds completely idiotic and so

palpably false that it could not possibly deceive even a bright ten year old child. Yet, literally millions of adult, literate, and even educated Europeans and Asiatics believe most, if not all of this monstrous falsehood. Such is the remarkable power of Communist propaganda against the amateurs and befuddled incompetents on our side.

When scoundrels and murderers can so successfully pervert the truth and bamboozle millions of honest and decent people all over the world while honest and decent men are slandered as "blood-thirsty murderers and war criminals" -- then most certainly something is seriously and terribly wrong somewhere on our side. It must be plain that Communists succeed, not so much because they are "diabolically clever and fanatical," but because our educators, molders of public opinion, and at least certain segments of our leadership, have miserably failed in meeting a totally new and dynamic challenge to western civilization.

The very pundits and newspaper smart alecks who bitterly assail our military leaders for "always fighting this year's war with last war's weapons" themselves have materially assisted in bringing America to her present unhappy situation by futilely and half-heartedly attempting to repel dynamic, 20th century, atomic Communist propaganda with 18th and 19th century liberalistic thought patterns.

For the past two years this Summary has urged the unleashing of a full-scale, global, counter-political war against the Soviets using every available media under the direction of top experts in their respective fields. And by experts we do not mean advertising executives, magazine editors, political lame ducks, or State Department hacks and phonies. In issue after issue, at the risk of tediousness, it has been pointed out that political "cold" wars are no different than shooting wars in that the best defense is always a smashing offensive. Now at long last a few prominent Americans are starting to come

forward urging substantially what this Summary has been advocating since it was started nearly four years ago.

Senator Wiley, ranking Republican member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, suggests that one way of preventing armed conflict with Russia was to turn the table on the Soviets by starting up Fifth Column activities and domestic disorders behind the Iron Curtain. The Wisconsin Senator proposes that we set up a top level strategy board to find ways and means of fomenting disorders, guerrilla warfare, slow downs, sabotage, and eventual revolution right in Joe Stalin's backyard.

Harold Stassen, in a recent radio address, is quoted as urging the necessity of starting much the same backfire in Stalin's own bailiwick and giving him a dose of his own medicine.

Our own inexplicable inability to understand the potentialities of political and psychological warfare was again demonstrated by the virtual black-out in the American press of the recent Rousset trial in Paris. Only the relatively obscure Socialist New Leader, an excellent little weekly as far as foreign coverage and news on world communism is concerned, seemed to even be aware of the significance of this French libel action.

A famous French writer, who had spent several years in Nazi concentration camps was grossly and viciously libelled in a typical French communist guttersheet. Rousset was attacked because he had made some references to Soviet slave labor camps -- a very touchy point with all commies. Rousset promptly sued his detractors.

French libel procedures are extremely broad and are not heard before a jury. Rousset's lawyers not only put the offending commy magazine in the dock, but to prove that Rousset had spoken the truth about Soviet horror camps and Stalin's regime of murder and terror they brought in a long line of victims of Soviet tyranny. In other words, the whole rotten, murderous Soviet system was put on trial and exposed

to the gaze of the whole world. The trial lasted several weeks and ended in a judgement for Rousset. It was reported all over western Europe and some of the more startling facts of Soviet slave labor camps were cabled to South America. Curiously, not a word of it leaked through to our own American free press. Why?

A Commission of Inquiry Into Forced Labor in the Soviet Union has been holding meetings in New York and taking testimony from a long string of escaped victims of Soviet barbarism. Only the left-wing Social paper Call (circulation possibly 2,000) has made any reports on these hearings which are full of highly effective psychological warfare material of an extremely effective type. Again the American press by and large blacked out. Why?

A number of top European Communist leaders are now reported missing from their usual haunts and are presumably in Moscow along with Togliatti of Italy, Thorez of France, and Pessi of Finland. Mao Tze Tung is also reputedly away from Peiping and may also be in the Kremlin conferring with the Big Boss of world Bolshevism on his next moves against the West.

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THE HOME SECTOR

The criminal communist conspiracy in the U.S., still masquerading as a "persecuted political party," held what purported to be a convention the last week of December in New York. Several mass pep rallies were held by the red fascists in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Bronx, prior to the convention itself, to bolster morale among the worried small fellows who make up the rank and file. Total attendance at all three rallies was estimated by newsmen at around two thousand. The actual meeting place of the top criminal conspirators was a closely guarded secret right up to the hour it opened in a dingy East Side hall. Security was a lot better than found at most of our top military

and other important defense areas. Reporters and hopeful gate crashers never got closer than the front door. Press releases were handed out every evening at the C.P. headquarters on East 13th Street.

All of the ten convicted C.P. leaders still out on bail were on hand. EUGENE DENNIS sent his communist regrets due to a prior prison engagement with Uncle Sam. Stalin's American stooges happily announced that their convention had been honored by warm fraternal greetings from communist parties all over the world including Soviet Russia and Red China.

"Peace" (a la Stalin) and "prevention of World War III" naturally were the two keynotes of the Stalinist hootenanny. HENRY WINSTON, JOHN WILLIAMSON, and BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR., reportedly made the main reports. The main theme of these reports can easily be guessed: "The United States Government, under the thumb of Wall Street atomaniacs, is an imperialist warmonger driving toward war and fascism, crushing the workers and their unions, terrorizing and oppressing the Negroes and other peace-loving minorities, depressing the standard of living and clamping on an iron thought control and police state" are the natural concomitants of such a sinister drive towards war. WILLIAMSON, for example, in his report described President Truman's National Emergency Proclamation as "a dagger aimed directly at the workers and their unions."

Heavy emphasis was again laid on the urgent duty that at least 90% of all C.P. work should be directed towards infiltrating the basic industries. Organization Secretary, HENRY WINSTON, boasted that the C.P., USA, now has 22,000 members in the basic industries. Greater penetration into (and exploitation of) Negro organizations was #2 priority for the Reds. The four day session had an average attendance ranging from 150 to 200 per day. They represented the "hard core" or trained cadres of the criminal conspiracy still operating under our tolerant and lax laws. Needless to say, there was no visitors' or observers' gallery or section.

The long drawn out sessions consisted largely of harangues and "reports" all more or less previously covered in Political Affairs and the Daily Worker. It was a little more than a morale bolstering device to get the comrades together and to reconvince them that in union there is strength.

There were no political upsets. The entire National Committee was unanimously re-elected. All of the top Politburo, excepting only WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, are presently under prison sentence and out on bail awaiting Supreme Court decisions on their appeals. However, new alternates were carefully "elected" to replace any of the comrades who might have the bad luck to go to prison after all legal resources were exhausted. The N.P.C. alternates are:

ARCHIE BROWN, California

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT

WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, California

PETTIS PERRY

FRED FINE, New York

SID STEIN

JAMES JACKSON, New York

MARTHA STONE

CLAUDIA JONES, New York

EDWARD CHAKA, a Cleveland, Ohio foundry worker, was chairman of the first day's session. TOM DENNIS of Michigan and BERNADETTE DOYLE of California were secretaries of the commy conclave. MARION BACHRACH handled publicity and "news" handouts.

The official mouthpiece of Stalin's Fifth Column in this country is having circulation trouble. The Newsdealers Association of Greater New York, Inc., voted four to one to bar sales of the Daily Worker from their newstands. The Kremlinites promptly brought legal action in the despised bourgeois courts. The commy rag did have to send out a front page, bold-faced SOS that its sinking circulation required quick help from all the faithful. The comrades blamed "systematic persecution and goon attacks" for the circulation nose dive to about

14,000 per day. In its heyday this voice of sedition touched the 35,000 mark.

Rumors and predictions by radio commentators that the Daily Worker will fold within thirty or ninety days are just so much hogwash, if not actually phony "plants." This official mouthpiece for the party line from Moscow was founded in 1925 with Soviet money brought over here by self-admitted Soviet agents who have long since quit the conspiracy. Throughout its twenty-five years of ill-famed life it has always been helped over rough spots with secret Soviet funds and subsidies. That is, when the money could not be raised here. The C.P. today has plenty of money and the Daily Worker would be the last thing scrapped in any tight situation. The salaries of top functionaries would be cut off before anything as important to the Soviet conspiracy in the U.S. as a daily outlet for party orders was liquidated. The whole canard was probably commy inspired to whip up flagging party support and apathy as well as to discourage in advance any possible government moves to deny it use of the U.S. mails or special mailing privileges. Why institute moves to ban this seditious rag when some infallible radio commentator has already predicted its early demise anyway? Get it?

CHARLES NUSSE, LOUIS MALINOW, and MILDRED ENGLE were arrested by Newark, N. J., police, and a quantity of commy literature seized when the cops swooped down on the state headquarters of the New Jersey C.P. Charges were -- distributing material designed to oppose the war effort in Korea and to discourage enlistments in the armed forces.

Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard of New York refused to grant permission to four convicted commy leaders to go touring around the United States. The four, whom Asst. U. S. Attorney Roth described as "four tough fanatics" were: HENRY WINSTON, GUS HALL, JOHN WILLIAMSON and BENJAMIN DAVIS, JR.

In Washington, D. C., the phony suit brought in a U. S. Court by some 150 individuals to have the McCarran Internal Security Bill set aside as unconstitutional.

tional was quietly dropped on December 27, without the fanfare and hoopdela which attended its abortive launching two months previously. The suit had been filed by one RALPH POWE who listed his Washington address as the Washington office of the notorious CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS, cited by the U. S. Attorney General as subversive. When government attorneys appeared in court on January 11, to argue against the suit they learned for the first time that it had been quietly withdrawn two weeks before.

Instead of this the Communist Party moved in another direction by hiring former Congressman VITO MARCANTONIO and JOHN J. ABT as their counsel to plead their case and motions before the Subversive Activities Control Board. Marc needs no further introduction. LEE PRESSMAN last Fall told the House Un-American Activities Committee that ABT belonged to the same secret communist cell in the government as he did back in 1934-35. ABT has also been named in sworn testimony as a member of a Soviet espionage ring in Washington.

MARCANTONIO and ABT filed motions with the S.A.C.B. to quash the entire proceedings against the Communist Party brought by the U. S. Attorney General under the McCarran Act on the grounds that the Richardson board had no legal status. They fortified their arguments against the Internal Security Act by liberal quotes from President Truman, Attorney General McGrath, and Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark as having doubts as to the constitutionality of the Act. In their brief they stated:

"The issue is not Communism; the issue is the Constitution of the United States. The constitutionality of the McCarran Act will be adjudicated in this first test of the law.

"We have undertaken to serve as attorneys in these proceedings because we believe that they involve the gravest issues of liberty under the Constitution ever to be presented before the courts and the people of this country. At stake are nothing less than the fundamental tenets of American democracy.

"The Act destroys the basic freedoms of a democratic nation. By legislative fiat, it outlaws a political party and an entire system of political thought, denies freedom of association to its adherents and creates the new crime of political heresy. The Act imposes this system of thought control upon the whole people, proscribing every organization and penalizing every individual deviating from the authoritarian standards of political conformity that Congress declares to be orthodox.

"The impact of the Act as a whole upon American liberties is far greater than the sum of its separate invasions of constitutional guarantees. It rejects the Bill of Rights in entirety. It is repugnant to every American tradition and democratic concept. For the first time in history an Act of Congress repudiates the democratic process itself."

Marcantonio dubbed the whole McCarran act "a lawless law being lawlessly enforced."

Meanwhile the Senate has set up a Subversive Activities sub-committee of its own under the powerful Judiciary Committee headed by Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada. Three other Democrats: Eastland of Mississippi, Smith of North Carolina, and O'Connor of Maryland and three Republicans: Jenner of Indiana, Ferguson of Michigan, and Watkins of Utah make up the new sub-committee. Some sharp political maneuvering in the Senate Rules Committee trimmed the original appropriation of \$200,000 for two years investigation to \$100,000 for one year. Senator Ellender of Louisiana slowed up matters still more by refusing unanimous consent to bring out legislation putting the new committee in business.

Senate leadership, Democratic as well as Republican, apparently felt that the House Un-American Activities Committee as it is presently run has either purposely sidestepped and avoided a number of important angles of the communist problem or that it was simply beyond the capacity of the staff to handle everything. The whole malodorous and intolerable hush-hush situation, with respect to continued and defiant commy-coddling in the motion picture industry, should be given a good public airing by a competent and fearless

Senate investigation. After three years of silence, it is plain that the House Un-American Activities Committee is not going to reopen the hearings so mysteriously quashed and called off in 1947.

Ten Hollywood characters were actually called before the Committee from a list of sixty or seventy originally slated to be heard. Subpoenas were out, it has been claimed, for nineteen others. They were never called. Why?

Legionnaires and American movie goers whose attendance supports this entire industry have a manifest right to ask, "Why doesn't Hollywood clean out its Quislings and pinkos instead of flaunting them in our faces in otherwise desirable and patriotic pictures?" They very properly might urge the new McCarran Committee by formal resolution and by individual letters to have a look into the whole disgraceful situation of highly paid commies and fellow travellers in the very important entertainment field, with Hollywood caviar and swimming pool comrades rating #1 priority.

Particularly so in view of the Senate resolution of August 23rd, 1950, warning the motion picture industry to clean house of Nazis, fascists, and communists. This resolution, introduced by Senator Johnson of Colorado, stated that it was the "sense of the Senate" that films should not be transported in interstate commerce for exhibition purposes if they "were produced or directed by active fascists, Nazis, wartime collaborators of these two dictatorships or by Communist Party members and those who espouse communist ideologies." The resolution had no legal weight or punitive teeth but in effect warned the motion picture people to clean house or else.

On January 23rd, President Truman by executive order created a new commission entitled the "PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON INTERNAL SECURITY AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS." (C.I.S.I.R.) Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz was named Chairman. The President instructed the commission to "make a thorough study of

the problem of providing for the internal security of the United States and at the same time protecting the rights and freedoms of individuals." (The entire order and statement by the President appeared in the January 24th, N. Y. Times.) A few days later President Truman named the other eight members of C.I.S.I.R. While distinguished and patriotic citizens, not one appears to have the slightest, even nodding acquaintance, with the whole vast, complex, and baffling problem of subversion and communism.

A Scripps-Howard editorial, commenting on Admiral Nimitz's appointment, applies with even greater congruency to the less well-known members of his commission.

"Admiral Nimitz, who will head the board, is a man of unquestioned integrity and patriotism. He undoubtedly has a sound and firm conception of the traditional liberties that go with American citizenship. But what he knows about the difficult, baffling business of spotting, tracking down, and combating the insidious influences and subversive activities of the Communist vermin, remains to be demonstrated."

C.I.S.I.R. will not have subpoena power, so its ability to ferret out the facts and to punish liars is badly handicapped from the start. Senator Ferguson of Michigan and others in the Capitol flatly charged that the new commission had been hastily set up by the President after he had strongly opposed such a suggestion only last year in order to short circuit and bypass the new Senate McCarran sub-committee. Said Ferguson:

"The President's executive order amounts to the setting up of a commission which to all intents and purposes is above the status of duly constituted committees of Congress. The President's Commission, appointed solely by himself, is responsible only to him. It is not elected by the people or responsible to the people, as are members of Congress. Yet the President's commission is given powers that the President has denied to Congress."

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WHAT THE COMMUNIST PRESS IS SAYING

Main propaganda themes and emphasis in the communist press has not changed materially in the past month. The Soviet Union and Red China, invincible, serene and confident, are doing all they can to maintain world peace. U. S. "imperialists", abandoned by most of the world desiring peace, are still driving hell bent for war and fascism. Summed up in front-page headlines, the line is "THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD CRY FOR PEACE -- TRUMAN WANTS WAR." Senator Taft's speech, which contained the statement, "There is no conclusive evidence that the Russians expect to start a war with the U.S.A." is eagerly picked up by the commies and heralded on the front page of the Daily Worker. "Warmakers are starting to fight like cats and dogs." Columnist Robert Allen's remark that "Washington hopes to convert Korea into a bottomless pit for the Chinese Reds and North Koreans" is neatly turned by the Daily Worker into a "bottomless pit in which there rises the blood of American boys, Korean women, and dying children. A bottomless pit from which returns Pfc. Robert Smith of Pennsylvania without arms and legs."

The Daily Worker of January 17, devoted most of its front page, in heavy, bold-faced type, to a U.P. dispatch describing the horrible and tragic death of a Korean mother and her baby caught in the fighting zone. All C.P. propaganda is being heavily stepped up to accent the horrors of war and the slaughter of innocent civilians--women, children, and babies. America and only America is responsible for this ruthless slaughter and as a result all of Asia and most of the rest of the world has begun to hate us. MacArthur's scorched earth policy and "murderous air attacks on helpless Korean villagers have aroused the burning hatred of all of Asia -- of all of the rest of the world," the Daily Worker reports.

Morale disintegration material is subtly and ingeniously contrived to hammer home the theme that America cannot win, that the United States stands alone, that all the resources and military might of the U.S.A. can never break the iron will of "colonial and colored peoples everywhere to resist aggression and to win their freedom." Pleas from American mothers and wives to have their sons and husbands returned to this country also rate high space priority in the American version of Pravda. Letters from mothers and parents of boys fighting in Korea protesting against the hopeless odds and utter uselessness of fighting Red China get big space in the Worker. Particularly if they come from the Deep South or Middle West. Pictures of weeping womenfolk of Marines departing from Birmingham, Alabama, and other cities naturally got a big play in the voice of Stalin in America.

The Soviet morale disintegration campaign, waged by thousands of highly skillful and tireless agents in this country and re-echoed and rebroadcast wittingly and unwittingly by literally hundreds of thousands of stooges and dupes, is already well advanced. Endless chain letters, endless chain telephone calls, resolutions and memorials, and other methods, many of which supply their own momentum, all demanding "Get our boys back from Korea!" are gleefully highlighted in the Worker. The Communist position is quite simple. They demanded that American troops get out of Korea last June -- now millions of non-communists have taken up the cry proving once more that the communists are always right.

Next in order, but of almost equal importance to the Stalinist propagandists, are any and all news items which can be distorted, blown up, or otherwise exploited on the racial issue. The creation of a new Negro paper, Freedom, already mentioned in "The Spotlight," shows how rich a field the communists feel the touchy Negro-white relations question to be. Literally, every news source in the U. S. is gone over with a fine tooth comb looking for any racial items which can be distorted, class-angled, and played up. The most trivial and controversial

incident, which can be magnified into a "vile white chauvinist attack on Negro rights" is good for a front-page display and generally a full length, double column editorial. The Soviets have apparently long ago decided that the Negro problem is America's Achilles Heel through which the virus of disunity, racial disorders, hatred and finally racial war and revolution can be most easily and successfully injected into our life.

Bitter tirades against rearming West Germany and charges that MacArthur is secretly arming the Japs rate #3 priority in communist space and vehemence. There has been an increasing emphasis on the close identity between Hitler and Truman who allegedly has succeeded to the late Fuehrer's role.

The commies were enormously elated over the Supreme Court's decision setting aside contempt of Congress convictions for refusing to answer certain questions, but in the same breath the comrades pretended to be scandalized that the high court had based its decision on the erroneous belief that it is criminal to be a communist and that hence questions designed to establish C.P. membership are ipso facto self-incriminating. The tovarichi also pretended to be outraged at the mere suggestion that the Department of Justice proceed against suspected commies who had sworn to Taft-Hartley affidavits that they were not in fact C.P. members. This, needless to say, "is nothing but a drive of the Truman-Acheson gang to strike at the grass roots labor peace movement."

The Daily Worker likes JUDY HOLLIDAY very much in the picture "Born Yesterday." It found the film "hilariously funny and getting in some sharp digs at the American political scene. 'Born Yesterday' is aware of some of the ugliness, deceit, and hypocrisy in the American way of life but it is far from Marxist propaganda."

On the other hand, the Daily Worker boiled with rage because one letter of protest to the N. Y. Daily News station, WPIX, has successfully tied a can to

any and all Chaplin films being shown on television.

Frank Lovejoy also had the commy mudbucket dumped over him because he accepted the role of Matt Cvetic in a forthcoming Warner Brothers film, "I Was a Communist for the F. B. I."

Front-page headlines during the past month in the Daily and Sunday Workers (in order of frequency and emphasis) were: "World asks for peace -- Washington says, 'No!"; "End the war in Korea -- Bring the Boys home!"; Peace appeals, Attacks on Negroes, Wage freeze and soaring prices, Repeal the McCarran Act, morale disintegration items, the Korean War, U. S. atrocities, cost in lives, massacres of women and children, etc., police brutality, communists in trouble, draft extension, attacks on German re-armament, excess corporation profits, Supreme Court decisions and banning the A-bomb.

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THE PERIPHERY PARTY LINE PRESS

March of Labor attacks both the A.F.L. and C.I.O. for selling out peace to the bosses and for shackling the workers in the face of onrushing fascism and war.

Voice of Freedom, which has failed to appear for several months, is apparently having trouble. It has been reduced from printing to a cheap mimeograph and now carries no date. Its avowed aim is a "National Network of Monitors to Democratize the National Networks." In other words, to drive anti-communists off the air with letter-writing and phony protests and to keep pinkos and pro-commies in strategic radio jobs.

This outfit and something called the "Committee for the Negro in the Arts" have tried unsuccessfully for several years to have Amos and Andy banned

from the airwaves. Commies, pinkos, Stalinist stooges, and professional "bleeding heart" liberals who screamed with horror over the Jean Muir case see no inconsistency whatever in attempting to drive their enemies off the air or even in attacking a radio show as harmless and popular as Amos and Andy. They object to Eddie Cantor because "the self-anointed benefactor of Humanity presents poisonous caricatures of Jews as well as blackface minstrel characterizations that belong to the pre-Civil War era." And even Aunt Jemima is a "particularly vicious anti-Negro slur."

Voice of Freedom urges greater militancy and letter writing to stop the "blacklisting" of radio and TV talent on the basis of "vague 'Red' smears." It brings out once more the mouldy old commy gimmick that, "It is no accident that these chosen victims more often than not are leading spirits in the unions which wage a constant struggle on behalf of radio-TV talent for better pay and working conditions." DOROTHY PARKER is Chairman of Voice of Freedom.

Vets Voice announces the birth of a new front -- VETERANS FOR PEACE. Conceived in the San Francisco apartment of DAVE SARVIS last July, this "fast-growing vets organization" now claims 120 members. BRUCE O. BISHOP, 845 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, wants to hear from other groups and vets who want to join the struggle for peace. This four-page leaflet devotes itself to a strictly C.P. line attack on MacArthur, Senator McCarran, and other commy pet hates, including The American Legion.

Economic Notes for January emphasizes rising unemployment and economic setbacks in certain industries due to plant reconversion to war production. "Mass lay-offs have already begun in the automobile industry," Economic Notes claims. The shrinking purchasing power of the dollar is also played up, the commy economists alleging that it now is, "approaching a point nearly 45% below levels just before World War II." Soaring living costs and the long term threat of inflation, even

with attempts at price control, also are heavily played up in Economic Notes.

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COMMUNISM IN THE ENTERTAINMENT WORLD

Red Channels, the first handy and authoritative handbook on the commies, pinkos, and pro-Soviet fellow travellers and dupes in radio and TV, is now completely out of print. The tight paper situation, soaring printers' costs, and the necessity for revising and expanding the first edition may delay a second printing for many months. Don't let your copy get away -- Red Channels is becoming a collector's item and hard to get.

Rumors that a companion reference work covering Stalin's worshippers in the movie industry is being readied have some of our Hollywood filmsters in a tizzy. Not a few are scurrying around trying to get a quick, cheap whitewash by some obvious dodge such as selling government bonds, appearing before G.I.'s, or through some other similar device picking up a "patriotic passport" without making the slightest effort at repudiating long front records or outright pro-communist activity in the past. Pinko and secret leftish critics and reviewers, who never (if they can help it) given an American a break, have gone overboard with ecstatic plugs and reviews, some bordering on the obscene, of the alleged "superb" performances of their left-wing pals in various plays and movies. Give the Devil his due -- commies and secret C.P. supporters work like beavers to build each other up and to forestall unpleasant publicity.

INCREDIBLE AS IT MAY SEEM, EVEN AT THIS LATE HOUR WITH AMERICAN BOYS LOCKED IN DEADLY COMBAT WITH COMMUNISTS IN KOREA, STALIN'S SECRET SUPPORTERS AND SYMPATHIZERS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT FIELD AS A WHOLE ARE BRAZENLY STANDING PAT AND ADMITTING AND CONCEDED NOTHING. IN FACT, SEVERAL HAVE EVEN HAD THE GALL TO PUT ON AN ACT OF INJURED INNOCENCE AND TO TOSS AROUND THREATS OF LEGAL ACTION UNLESS THEIR "FAIR NAMES" WERE CLEARED INSTANTLY OF THE SLIGHTEST CONNOTATION OF DISLOYALTY OR EVEN FRONTING.

Other than Josh White and one or two others who have honestly expressed some contrition and regrets for past pro-communist activity, no others have come forward to make a clean breast of past "mistakes", if they were mistakes, and to offer some sort of honest and acceptable amends for past un-American activities. This die-hard attitude is undoubtedly based on Communist contempt for "bourgeois stupidity" -- i.e., the average American's tolerance, apathy, and indifference toward using the same sort of economic punishment against enemies of this country that communists and their stooges employ against good Americans who expose and combat subversion. Whether this commy judgement that the great American public is a boob is still sound or not remains to be seen.

Variety recently announced the closing of some 500 movie houses throughout the U. S. with movie business last year in Chicago down some 20 to 25%. The Legion Magazine, some time ago, dropped its movie column because there was not enough interest among three million Legionnaires to justify its continuance. Television, while admittedly a contributing factor, cannot be the sole reason for the public's low esteem of a great industry.

National Commander Cocke summed up the Legion's position on communist-coddling in the entertainment industry when he bluntly warned leading New York advertisers at a luncheon that the ideological front in the Soviet's new form of warfare is right here at home. Erle told the New York businessmen and radio advertisers that "90% of all red funds in this country come, not from Moscow, but from right out of the pockets of Americans who believe that they are fighting communism." He asked his listeners, "What can be done?" and then went on to say that the "law of economics applies even to the Communist Party. They need money to keep going. If we can dry up their sources of income we will go a long way towards knocking them out."

The National Commander also quoted from a statement made by J. Edgar Hoover before a Senate Appropriations sub-committee last year that:

"The communist party in 1946 singled out the radio field for special penetration. Mr. Hoover declared that communist schools and communist fronts have offered training courses in connection with radio writing, acting, and directing. Special communist front organizations having to do with radio have been organized. Many communist fellow travellers and stooges have been able to secure positions enabling them actually to control personnel and production."

In the remainder of the Commander's speech he pointed out that patriotic Americans in the radio industry could very easily and quickly clean out the commies and their stooges, if only they make some intelligent and determined effort to do so. (Copies of this important address can be secured by penny postcard request to the Americanism Division, National Headquarters, The American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana.)

In all the froth and fury boiling out of the JEAN MUIR, GYPSY ROSE LEE, and other similar cases, several very important and hard, incontrovertible facts have been overlooked.

One. There is nothing in the Constitution or Bill of Rights guaranteeing any American a job in any particular business or profession. Entertainers and others in the show business, besides having certain professional qualifications, must so conduct themselves as to be acceptable to their audiences and to the general public whose good will supports the whole show business. The whole question of alleged violation of civil rights is nothing but a red herring dragged in to obscure the issue. Those whose treasonable pro-communist activity and open pro-Soviet sympathies -- not politics! -- have made them objectionable to the vast majority of American people, have only themselves to blame. Instead, they seek to pillory and expose to public suspicion and contempt the handful of patriotic men and women who, at no profit or glory to themselves, have served a patriotic purpose in exposing such quislings. And, they cleverly seek to identify far above average incomes with basic civil rights! Their civil liberties, of course, are not involved. They are all at liberty to return to the farm,

factory, office, or store or wherever they originated before reaching the stage, screen or microphone. There are thousands of talented and patriotic Americans without front records to take their jobs. They'll never be missed.

Finicky and prissy people and ivory tower pundits will naturally raise the question of "damage to reputations." THEY DAMAGED THEIR OWN REPUTATIONS BY THE RECORDS THEY MADE THEMSELVES OF THEIR OWN FREE WILLS--RECORDS WHICH THEY NOW SEEK TO DENY, MINIMIZE, OR INGENIOUSLY EXPLAIN AWAY.

A "pillar of the community," a highly respected citizen who is finally exposed as a heartless swindler and panderer can hardly plead that his "reputation was destroyed" by malicious and evil people who belatedly tripped him up. He destroyed his own falsely acquired good name.

Counterattack. Alert, Westbrook Pegler, George Sokolsky, and others who perform a highly important public service in unmasking such scoundrels are likewise not in the business of "destroying reputations" -- that's merely the squeal of exposed rats. All sorts of highly ingenious dodges and perfectly fascinating "explanations" are now being offered by these characters whose long red front records have finally come back to plague them. How they suffer from outraged innocence!

The plain and simple truth is that it is very easy to draw up a list of hundreds if not thousands of prominent entertainers and others in the show business WHO NEVER JOINED A SINGLE COMMUNIST FRONT OR EVER ONCE LENT THEIR NAMES TO ANY DUBIOUS OUTFITS AND CAUSES. Were they just lucky or smart or just as ordinarily careful as ordinary people, even as you and I? This highly significant fact is carefully avoided by all the knights in shining armor, "civil rights" defenders and editorial bleeding hearts who tear your heartstrings out, bleating about the monstrous injustice of hanging a pro-commy tag on some notorious fronter. If you have one in your community, hand him this Summary

and tell him to wake up. There is a war on in case he has not been reading the papers of late.

Ask them, how does it happen that literally thousands of Hollywood actors and others connected with the movies, stage, and radio, fine Americans all, NEVER GOT SUCKED IN BY AS MUCH AS A SINGLE COMMY FRONT OR RACKET IN YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY ALTHOUGH THEY WERE ACTIVE IN AND CONTRIBUTED LIBERALLY TO ALL MANNER OF CHARITY AND OTHER WORTHWHILE CAUSES. HOW CAN SO MANY PEOPLE BE SO CAREFUL AND LUCKY WHILE A COMPARATIVE HANDFUL OF TWO OR THREE HUNDRED GOT HOOKED (OH! SO INNOCENTLY) ON EVERY STALINIST CON GAME AND VICIOUS, ANTI-AMERICAN RACKET THAT CAME ALONG IN THE PAST TWENTY YEARS? THEY ALL WORKED IN THE SAME INDUSTRY, WERE GENERALLY KNOWN TO EACH OTHER AND WERE PRESUMABLY ALL OF EQUAL INTELLIGENCE AND DISCRETION. HOW MANY COMMY FRONTS CAN YOU JOIN YEAR AFTER YEAR WITHOUT EVER CATCHING ON JUST ONCE?

The only question before the House now, with which any patriotic and fair-minded Legionnaire is concerned as a result of all the artificially created uproar and phony smokescreens, is the simple one, "Have any really innocent people been hurt?"

As far as the Research Staff of this Division has been able to ascertain, no totally innocent person has been unjustly accused or maliciously "smeared." A few borderline or doubtful cases (less than five) have been slightly pinked. All the rest of the national screaming and moaning from Ickes to the New Republic and from the AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION to the Daily Worker has been as phony as a seven dollar bill.

Let us examine thoroughly just which recourses are available to any American unfairly accused of having picked up a non-criminal, non-indictable front record, innocently or wittingly. Innocent or guilty there are four and only four possible ways out.

One. A complete, total and unequivocal denial. All records and documents cited are forgeries, fabrications, or simply do not exist. Or in every case, their names were used without their permission or knowledge and they will promptly bring legal action for damages against all publications and organizations which injured them. To date not a single known case of this type has arisen.

Two. Complete and frank admission of the record on the basis that this is a free country and, until laws are passed prohibiting the support of communist front organizations and causes, any American has a perfect right to join and support any cause or movement no matter how repugnant to the rest of the country. As free and independent Americans, he or she has the right and will continue to support and join any and all organizations, movements, or causes they see fit to do, no matter how unpopular they may be to the majority of other Americans. To date not a single alleged "innocent smear victim" has elected this way out!

Three. An equally honest and frank third alternative is an honest and sincere admission of all past front activities on grounds of carelessness, bad advice, lack of time or facilities to check, and similar reasons. Franklin P. Adams, for example, when he found he had been roped in by the phony communist "CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE FOR WORLD PEACE" two years ago, promptly withdrew his name, admitted cheerfully he had been a sucker and denounced the communist fraud. Those selecting this alternative obviously have a duty to denounce those who roped them in, they should make a categorical and unequivocal repudiation of all commy fronts with which they may have been connected and make some sort of assurance against being used as chumps again by designing commy swindlers. To date less than a half dozen honest Americans have chosen this way out of a dilemma.

Fourth alternative. (This might be called the crawfish exit, or "I can explain everything" technique.) It has been used too often by too many different people in a curiously uniform and identical fashion to have been arrived at individually or spontaneously. It is an extremely interesting technique for experts to study and was probably concocted by some astute commy lawyers. Confronted with an embarrassing record of past front activities, the accused fellow traveller and/or commy stooge first traces his long American background, if he has one, all the way back to the Mayflower or at least Washington's Army.

Next he or she casually rings in a brace of Supreme Court justices and a couple of dozen assorted nationally prominent people as his or her closest bosom pals. All this is then clinched and fortified with a stack of highly laudatory reference letters from more national celebrities and magnificoes bound to impress even the most cynical and sophisticated. Then comes a long and touching recital of the magnificent patriotic, charitable, and altruistic contributions made to America by the poor victim of vicious "red-baiters" and "McCarthyism." This is generally a tear-jerker of the first order.

Finally comes the nasty business of refuting the alleged front and pro-communist record. This is really good! There is no blanket denial. There is no honest or defiant open admission. There is no honest attempt to admit past mistakes or to make amends or assurances of future correct behavior. Instead, we get the following. Like Caesar's Gaul one's inconvenient front record is carefully studied and broken into three parts for three separate and distinct treatments.

The comparatively unimportant and least damning front affiliations are cheerfully conceded and joked off as of small consequence. Busy, important, and well-intentioned people that they are, they carelessly gave money, lent their

names or otherwise helped the commies without realizing what they were doing. Affiliations with fronts with which any prominent non-communists and highly respected citizens were also connected are boldly admitted and defended. Particularly so if a couple of U. S. Senators, high church prelates, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, or other highly placed people also lent their names.

The really bad ones, those on the U. S. Attorney General's list of subversive organizations and others long known to be open adjuncts of the Communist Party such as AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY, which was nothing more than the YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE under a new name, are given what might be called the amnesia brush-off. They simply cannot remember --- maybe they did, maybe they did not belong. Anyhow, if they did, they never participated actively -- merely permitted use of their name as a sponsor or perhaps donated two dollars. Or they claim that they demanded that their names be withdrawn after they learned, years later, that their good names had been used without their permission. Such demands unfortunately never having been made a matter of public record.

Summed up, the obviously dishonest and insincere "crawfish" technique makes no admission of guilt, concedes no more than is absolutely necessary, brazenly denies all that may be hard to prove or clinch, betokens no contrition for mischief done, evinces no desire to make amends, and finally makes no assurances even against engaging in future pro-communist front activities. Significantly, practically all of those trapped thus far by their own records have cagily adopted this fourth alternative.

There is, of course, a fifth alternative, but it is completely frivolous and thus far has not been seriously advanced by anyone. That is the out of nolo contendere or in effect saying: "I am much too busy and uninterested to discuss anything of this sort. Don't you think it will be a nice day tomorrow if it does not rain? Good day."

It is quite possible for a lot of rats to infest a building for years without anyone except experts suspecting their presence or making a guess as to their exact number and location. Let the building catch fire or become flooded or catch a few rats in traps and the resultant squealing and scurrying around by rats looking for an exit will surprise even seasoned rat-catchers, who may have had a fairly good idea as to the number and type of rats gnawing away in the dark corners.

Pretty much the same thing has happened in this country where subversion and treason in the past was either never suspected or dismissed as relatively unimportant and isolated. Now the world is starting to smoulder. There is a hot war in Korea with heavy American casualties. The Amerasia case, ALGER HISS, HARRY GOLD, FUCHS, and other evidences of rodent activity in our midst have at long last awakened and alarmed intelligent Americans. A few editorial cretins and bleeding heart phony liberals are still trying to argue that innocent bunny rabbits are being mistaken for and persecuted as rats, but the average man and woman of ordinary intelligence knows a rat when he or she sees one. And they don't like what they see!

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INCIDENTAL INTELLIGENCE

President H. L. Mitchell of the A.F.L. National Farm Labor Union has submitted evidence to the U. S. Department of Labor that Latin American Communists are illegally entering the United States as Mexican agricultural workers. Mexican trade unions tipped off their American affiliates that known commies were sneaking across the U. S.-Mexican border as farm laborers.

OSCAR LANGE, former American college professor who renounced his American citizenship to become the first Polish Communist Ambassador to Washington, is

slipping fast back in Red Poland. Word from the Polish Underground has it that LANGE has been reduced to a private first class -- lecturer in a newly created Institute for Educating Scientific Cadres.

Trotskyites analyzing the recent Soviet elections to the Supreme Council come up with some interesting figures on the alleged "Workers' State". Of the 1316 Deputies, 224 are professional scientists, writers, teachers, etc. Two hundred and nine others are Party committee secretaries, 151 are government officials or bureaucrats, 121 more are state administrative officials, 112 are Politburo or Central Committee C.P. members and 135 are presidents of collective farms. Two hundred and seventy-nine are secret police officials, Army generals, industrial managers, trade union officials, and other top state functionaries. Eighty-five, or 6.5% of the whole Supreme Council of "Workers' Deputies," are ordinary workers.

The C.I.O.'s International Affairs Committee is sending three C.I.O. officials to Europe to study how the C.I.O. can best aid in the fight against the spread of communism in Europe.

The man behind the counter in the communist "WORKERS' BOOKSHOP" in the Little Kremlin on East 13th Street, New York, recently complained to a staff member of the Americanism Division that the blankety-blank, so-and-so postal people are deliberately delaying delivery of the COMINTERN paper For A Lasting Peace. The Legionnaire had complained that the bookshop did not stock recent issues of the COMINTERN rag while they were obtainable at 42nd Street bookstands.

WILLIAM Z. FOSTER was too ill and frail to stand trial with his eleven co-conspirators in the recent trial of top C.P. brass. He has, nevertheless, through sheer iron Bolshevik will, been able to complete several books, including a "monumental" 700 page "Political History of the Americas" which International Publishers will bring out in February.

MARK GAYN, involved in the infamous AMERASIA case (whitewashed last year by the Tydings Committee), has dropped his libel suit against the New York World-Telegram-Sun and Fred Woltman, one of its ace writers. The suit stemmed from articles written by Mr. Woltman in 1946 on the hushed-up AMERASIA case. No settlement of any sort was made by either the Scripps-Howard paper or by Woltman.

French anti-communist labor leaders, returning from Africa, claim that Moscow-trained Africans posing as witch doctors and sorcerers are playing on ancient superstitions and modern grievances to foment labor trouble in Belgian Congo uranium mines. America is critically dependent on Congo uranium and the Katanga fields also supply about 90% of the world's radium. Some sixty Congo natives are said to have received revolutionary instruction in the famed Lenin School in Moscow. They return to the Belgian Congo via the Soviet Embassy at Addis Ababa in Ethiopia.

The Industrial Union League bulletin published from a New York post office box has suspended publication indefinitely.

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BOOK REVIEW SECTION

A number of very important books in the fight against subversion and Soviet propaganda have been published in the past three months. They have all been listed in the Recommended Reading List accompanying this issue of the Summary. Of special and outstanding importance is Col. Kintner's THE FRONT IS EVERYWHERE. A copy should be in every Legion Post library and used by every Legion speaker as a guide and gold mine of information on communism and how it works. THE FRONT IS EVERYWHERE makes an excellent prize for Americanism awards. See that your local library has it.

"Why I Escaped," The Story of Peter Pirogov, (Duell, Sloan and Pearce, New York, 1950).

The memoirs of the Soviet airman who in 1948 escaped from Russia to the American Zone in Austria should make absorbing reading for anyone interested in living conditions in Soviet Russia and, more particularly, in Russian military affairs. The stories of Russian poverty, filth, disorganization, and hopelessness, as well as of the brutality of the Soviet regime which hit an early peak during the collectivization period are familiar to any student of Bolshevik Russia, although Mr. Pirogov tells the story with greater skill and conviction than most of the writers who preceded him. Perhaps the greatest news conveyed by Pirogov is that, despite all bureaucratic controls and M.V.D. terror, a resourceful man can escape the Bolshevik inferno provided he has a great deal of courage, does a thorough planning job and has Lady Luck on his side.

The military reader will be interested to learn that, according to Mr. Pirogov's experience in the Soviet Air Force, disaffection is widespread. The Soviet masters are so doubtful about the loyalty of their flying personnel that they give them gasoline only for thirty-minute flights. Soviet aviators rather frequently vent their displeasure in semi-mutinies. And let us not be over-awed by the efficiency of the Soviet control apparatus: Despite all the investigating and re-investigating a potential defector and a strongly oppositional element like Pirogov was found reliable enough to participate in the May air parade over the Red Square.

The reader is left with the perhaps too hopeful impression that low morale makes the Soviet war machine less imposing than it would appear if only the numbers of planes, guns and divisions are counted. If this were true, why is not American policy directed to weaken Soviet military power further by embarking on effective psychological warfare and by stimulating the defection of Soviet personnel?

"Comes the Comrade," By Alexandra Orme, (William Morrow & Company, New York, 1950).

This reviewer is not given to the use of superlatives, except in a critical sense. But he does not hesitate to say that Alexandra Orme's "Comes the Comrade" is the best key to unlocking the enigma of Russian psychology yet to appear in print. It is far more illuminating than the amateurish attempts of presumed psychologists who try to explain the Russian soul through the diapers of Russian children. The author, a Polish aristocrat, collected her impressions not in Russia but in Hungary where she suffered "liberation." She succeeded in unraveling the Russian mind because she spoke the Russian language, which put her quite apart from the majority of western experts who base their conclusions on visual observation or on the say-so of translators.

If a propagandist wants to find out whether educated Russians become officers or privates; why the Russian officers prefer to live in dingy peasant huts rather than princely chateaus; what the Russians do with toilet paper; how they live on the land and how they find their way through the maze of a dozen different command channels, he will have to read Alexandra Orme. A diplomat who wants to negotiate with the Russians also would do well to familiarize himself

with the tricks the resourceful Polish girl developed. Any person who may be in danger of being liberated by the Soviets and any girl who wants to avoid being raped by the Russians will get useful hints from the experienced author. The reader interested in world affairs will find as much profit in this book as any unpolitical person eager for a hearty laugh.

"Smersh," by Nicola Sinevirsky, edited by Kermit and Milt Hill;

(Henry Holt and Company, 1950; \$2.75). Reviewed by Sylvia Crouch.

"Smersh" is a book of unusual importance and interest, and its publication comes at a timely moment. It is a book everyone should read, with the possible exception of young children and elderly people with weak hearts. The eye-witness accounts of NKVD tortures reveal the terrible fate in store for the United States and all democratic countries if Stalin is successful in his plans for world conquest.

The book is the first-hand story of an anti-Communist Russian who succeeded in joining the NKVD and spent seven months as a translator in new and super-secret counter-espionage branch known as "Smersh". The name is derived from two Russian words, Smert Shpionam, meaning "Death to Spies". He joined for the purpose of obtaining information on the inner-operations of the Soviet Secret Police. The author is a member of the National Alliance of Russian Solidarists, generally known as NTS, an organization of anti-Communist Russians operating as an underground behind the Red Curtain.

As one reads the accounts of brutal tortures by Soviet officials, he must wonder how human beings can sink so low. Sinevirsky's book does much to explain this and he also answers other instinctive questions as to what the NKVD officers are like in their personal and private lives and what they do off duty. The author had to live in intimate social contacts with officers and agents of "Smersh" and the NKVD. His conclusions throw much light on the subject of the philosophy and mental outlook of Communists. One of Sinevirsky's superiors was General Kovalchuk, who had been an official of the Soviet Secret Police since the days of the 1917 revolution. Sinevirsky says:

"Had Stalin and Kovalchuk and the other Communist fanatics not believed these things, they would have choked and drowned in the blood of the masses that was being shed by their hands, or perhaps they would have gone mad. Only a fanatical faith in what one believed to be the truth could give him the power to endure this sort of work. Kovalchuk, as a Stalin henchman, had murdered for several decades without any pangs of conscience, without the torture that must taunt the mind of a slayer.

"I believed then, and I believe it more deeply now, that some day humanity will condemn Stalin's method of governing people--a method built on violence, mistrust, terror, bloodshed, and literally millions of murders. I have no doubt of this. If the free world does not strike down the coiled snake of Red communism, it will find itself paralyzed by the venom this snake will cause to spread through the veins of all civilized society."

And in another part of the book, the author says:

"Stalin, who is destroying tens of millions of the Russian people in the name of communism, not only has committed a crime, but from his own selfish standpoint has made a terrible mistake. He has pushed away from communism the bulk of the peoples of Russia and thus has done away with any chance of achieving his aims. Even if he were a follower of Nietzsche's ideas he has murdered unnecessarily. But Stalin never will realize this. Nietzsche argued that great men were beyond the generally accepted principles of good and evil. Stalin, with the tremendous means he has at his disposal, will go on destroying hundreds of millions of people, both inside and outside Russia, in the name of communism."

Any non-Communist reader will admire Sinevirsky's courage and will wonder how he was able to endure the sight of tortures inflicted in his presence without betraying himself and through his expressions revealing his mental anguish and helpless rage. In fact, he almost broke down near the end of his seven months' experience.

"Smersh" should be must reading for every member of our intelligence agencies, for all army officers, leaders in The American Legion and other veterans' groups, newspaper editors, teachers and ministers. It is a book for the general public, well written and from the first to the last page it holds the reader's interest. The book will be a best-seller if it receives the publicity it deserves and the support of organizations and individuals interested in preserving our democratic institutions.

The title may be the one weakness of the book. Until I read this book I had never heard of "Smersh," although I am an ex-Communist and spent thirteen years in the party. Unless proper publicity is given, I am afraid that most American readers -- who, like me had never heard of "Smersh" -- may not understand the important and sinister significance of the title.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

CORWIN, NORMAN

Radio Director, Producer and Writer

Record of pro-Communist activity:

The REVIEW OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL CONFERENCE FOR WORLD PEACE, (arranged by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions, and held in N.Y.C. March 25, 26, and 27, 1949) issued by the Committee on Un-American Activities of the U. S. House of Representatives, lists Norman Corwin as affiliated with the following Communist Fronts or pro-Communist activity:

INDEPENDENT CITIZENS COMMITTEE OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES, AND PROFESSIONS p 2
WORLD CONGRESS OF INTELLECTUALS held at Wroclaw, Poland, August 25 - 28, 1948. p 5
WIN THE PEACE CONFERENCE p 8
PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA p 9 and p 33
AMERICAN YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY p 22

CHINA AID COUNCIL p 24
 COMMITTEE FOR A DEMOCRATIC FAR EASTERN POLICY p 24
 JOINT ANTI-FASCIST REFUGEE COMMITTEE p 28
 LEAGUE OF AMERICAN WRITERS p 29
 PEOPLES RADIO FOUNDATION, INC. p 32
 PEOPLES SONGS, INC. p 33
 STAGE FOR ACTION p 34
 VOICE OF FREEDOM COMMITTEE p 35
 Supporter of Communist Cases in Seattle (1948-49) p 38
 Was supported by individual Communists p 39
 Support of individual Communists p 45
 Participated in celebration of twenty-seventh anniversary of the Soviet Union p 48
 Supporter of Soviet Union p 49
 Visitor to Soviet Union p 50
 NATIONAL COUNCIL OF AMERICAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP p 50
 RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF p 53
 AMERICAN SOVIET FRIENDSHIP RALLY p 53
 Above mentioned SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL CONFERENCE FOR WORLD PEACE p 58

In addition to these listings, RED CHANNELS lists the following affiliations for Corwin on p 42:

AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE CHINESE PEOPLE
 AMERICAN RUSSIAN INSTITUTE
 CIVIL RIGHTS CONGRESS
 COMMITTEE FOR FIRST AMENDMENT

According to TESTIMONY OF WALTER S. STEELE REGARDING COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES IN THE UNITED STATES issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities: Corwin was a sponsor of the TENTH CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS p 94.

"In July, 1946, a cultural front congress was held in Moscow. Norman Corwin, writer and radio commentator of the United States, was the 'honored guest'. He presented the Moscow International Convention with the two recordings from the American-Soviet Music Society, on which were reproduced special messages from the Red leaders in the United States to the Soviet heads." p 100

HOLLYWOOD ARTS, SCIENCES AND PROFESSIONS COUNCIL p 150

Appendix 9, issued by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities lists other affiliations of Corwin's:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO COMBAT ANTI-SEMITISM p 1172
 NATIONAL WARTIME CONFERENCE OF THE PROFESSIONS, THE SCIENCES, THE ARTS, THE WHITE-COLLAR FIELDS p 1336

HEARINGS REGARDING THE COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY issued by the House Un-American Activities Committee, 1947, on page 527, records:

"Thirty-five top movie personalities also protested testimony at the investigation in full-page trade paper advertisements.

"The celebrities, who said they were 'Disgusted and outraged', included....Norman Corwin...."

FOURTH REPORT OF THE SENATE FACT-FINDING COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES,
1948 records Corwin as sponsor of a rally and a dinner in honor of THE HOLLYWOOD
TEN, the ten Hollywood Communists cited for contempt of Congress. p 60 and
p 241.

The above constitutes a partial record of Norman Corwin's pro-Communist activities as given in public documents.

ALL-AMERICAN CONFERENCE TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

ANALYSIS AND INFORMATION SERVICE BULLETIN

Vol. II, No. 1

OPERATION SOUTH

Communism is a vast and complex subject. Few people have more than a meager conception of its operational methods and aims. The problem is usually where to begin in such a study. An effective approach toward understanding American communism -- how it recruits members, organizes fronts and lays the ground work for a fifth column -- is to take one section of the country and review the Party's history there. An excellent illustration is the South.

Until 1928 the Communist Party was entirely without organization in that part of the nation. It was no cause for surprise. Only two native Southerners were among the Party leaders. Both lived and worked in New York. Robert Minor, son of a Texas judge, and Paul Crouch were destined to make communism a potent force in the South. (The latter has since broken with the Party and is now a staunch fighter against it.)

That year Crouch toured the South to investigate the possibility of placing the Party on the ballot, and to scout industrial areas fertile for communist infiltration. Washington, D. C., was then, for all practical purposes, the Party's Southern outpost. Two token branches lived a detached existence in Richmond and Norfolk, Virginia. The few comrades were Russian immigrants who fled to this country from the Czarist police.

They became successful in business, but not politics. Russian was still their mother tongue, and this was an effective barrier between them and native Americans. Their sole revolutionary activity consisted of endless tea drinking parties, and collecting dues for New York headquarters. Even the police departments remained innocently unaware of their existence.

Only one Daily Worker subscriber lived south of Virginia. Ben Smith, also a refugee from the Czarist police, moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, where he became a prosperous junk dealer. From this precious contact the Party investigator learned this area was an ideal concentration point for communist organization. Furthermore, Smith offered substantial financial aid to organizers who would settle there. This was no small inducement, since even Party leaders eked out an existence on from ten dollars to twenty dollars a week.

Charlotte was the center of the South's major textile industry. The heaviest cluster of mills was at Gastonia, a short distance away. Throughout the entire industry wages were low, hours long and working conditions unbelievably bad. Selfish industrialists and short-sighted civic leaders must bear considerable responsibility for the first successful communist invasion of the South. The Party organizer, who first entered this area, admits he would have made no headway if humane efforts had been made to eliminate those conditions.

Russian workers were living in comparable or worse conditions. But southern workers knew little about Russia and cared less. They were desperately interested in bettering their own conditions, and would turn to any group that showed

the slightest concern about their welfare. Many were later recruited into the Communist Party because they were convinced it was the only organization that acted in their behalf. It was not hard for them to believe the Party was sincerely dedicated to improving the lot of the poor and downtrodden.

PATTERN OF INFILTRATION

A typical characteristic of Party infiltration in a new industrial area, at that time, was to first organize its own union. Extreme care was taken to keep the Party in the background. Reds posing as workers got jobs in mills to be organized. At a ripe moment strike struggles were begun and deliberately aggravated to the most bitter and violent degree. In one case, a police chief was shot and killed to hasten the tempo. Party branches then appeared to recruit strikers on the basis of their personal bitterness toward management and law-enforcement officers -- to them the face of the government.

Such tactics were successfully carried through in the historic Gastonia strike that erupted only eight months after the first communist organizer entered that area. Working conditions were such that only one Red, who got a job in the largest mill, was able to muster the largest and most violent strike in Southern history. He was even skillful enough to build a strong union in the mill without management's slightest suspicion of anything afoot.

FIRST COMMUNIST BRANCH

Two weeks after the strike began, communists organized their first working branch in the South. More than a score of young strikers were invited to a secret meeting in the nearby woods. There an organizer explained to them the political reasons for their intense hatred of mill owners and constituted authorities who sided with them. Only in a communist society could they be sure of an administration to serve them, not the capitalists. Application cards were passed out and all promptly joined the Young Communist League. A few weeks earlier most, if not all, had never heard of communism.

Communist influence among the workers rose rapidly. Strikers and sympathizers joined the Party in droves. A conference in Bessemer City, North Carolina, addressed by William Z. Foster, drew more than five thousand members from one hundred mills in that area. But soon the tide began to turn. Communist hostility toward religion and efforts to instigate racial antagonism repelled the workers. It began to dawn on them that Reds and their unions were not trying to establish better conditions in the South.

REDS PROVOKE RACIAL STRIFE

Especially revolting to the Southerner was the program of Self-Determination for Negroes, a carefully calculated plan to foment civil war between them and the whites. In areas where Negroes represented 50% or more of the population, they were exhorted to forcibly seize the local government and establish a Black Republic. Whites who resisted were to be slaughtered. Such action was intended to incite a wholesale wave of lynching against Negroes. Survivors, out of sheer desperation, were expected to turn to the Communist Party as their sole protector.

Although the Party performed more adroitly in later years, adapting itself to the regional temper, it still lacked the appeal to directly approach the mass of southern workers. Even the practice of jim crow Party branches could not completely break down the wall of indifference around it. National membership always suffered a large turnover, but never so great as in the South. There are thirteen branches in this section of the country comprising two thousand members.

Not more than five hundred members are so-called old timers, who have been in the Party at least twelve years. From three hundred to five hundred members were recruited annually to fill the ranks left vacant by former Reds, who now number about ten thousand in the South.

INFLUENCE THROUGH FRONTS

Washington Analysis Board Members pointed out that communism's over-all influence in the South should not be judged from these figures. Reds have shown a genius for exerting power far beyond their actual numbers. While the Party was unable to sway Southerners directly, it has done incredibly well through its fronts. For at least a dozen years its Southern Conference for Human Welfare exercised a most potent influence throughout the South and, incidentally, the country.

How communists can achieve considerable results with comparatively few militants can best be understood by observing the state of Florida, where total members do not exceed two hundred fifty. About seventy-five of these comrades are in the Miami area. Until 1949 they held key positions in the Florida State CIO, including posts of president and state director of organization. Besides regular front organizations such as the Civil Rights Congress, International Workers Order and Progressive Party (one thousand registered voters in Miami), communists control or exert considerable influence in the following:

The Unitarian Church of Miami; B'nai Brith and the Anti-Defamation League; AFL Painters and Printers Locals and Laundry Workers; four locals of the American Veterans Committee. In all of these organizations the national leadership is anti-Stalinist.* Throughout the trials of Bridges, Hiss and Remington, the Miami Herald leaned over backward to publish favorable statements made by their attorneys. Evidence introduced against them by former communists was usually ignored.

According to Florida residents the international vice-president of the Cigar Makers Union, in the city of Tampa, for years was a leading state Party member. He and his comrades virtually control the AFL Labor Temple. The union's official organ, *Internacional*, published in Spanish, parrots the Party line. This and other Red publications can be found in the Tampa Labor Temple. Anti-communist papers and pamphlets are not available there.

STALINIST CONTROL CAN BE ENDED

This state of affairs could not exist if the people in Florida, especially Miami, took a greater interest in civic and labor activity. Board Members agree that a little concerted action in these matters can easily effect a complete rout of the Reds. Residents in that area, who belong to organizations affiliated with the All-American Conference, should properly assume the lead in driving the handful of commies from such important roosts.

* The phrase "anti-Stalinist" is used to designate Russian-controlled communists in contrast to other communist groups.

SUMMARY. * * * * *

No Communist influence in South until 1928.

One Party member in mill able to organize most violent strike in South.

Reds' progress helped by selfish industrialists and civic leaders.

Party membership no gauge of actual influence.

Handful of Commies control many organizations in Florida.

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January 11, 1951

Mr. Walter E. Alessandrani
Robinson Building
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Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Alessandrani:

Your letter of January 5, 1951, has been received. I sincerely appreciate your interest in writing concerning the action taken by the National Executive Committee of The American Legion during the meeting at Indianapolis in November.

Inspector Lee E. Pennington, who has always considered it a privilege to be of assistance to your organization, has called my attention to your offer of cooperation. He and the FBI are extremely grateful and encouraged by the sincere desire of your members to be of aid in these tense and critical days. You may be assured that we will call upon you whenever the occasion arises.

I regret that during your visit to Washington, you did not have the opportunity of stopping by my office. I want you to know that whenever Mr. Arthur Cornelius, Special Agent in Charge of our Philadelphia Office, or I can be of aid you should not hesitate to call upon us.

Sincerely yours,

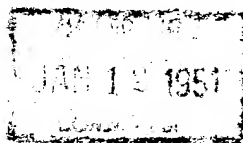
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TO DATE AND NO. _____

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

You are probably aware that the ~~National Executive Committee~~
of ~~The American Legion~~, meeting in Indianapolis in November
was so concerned about the effect of Communist propaganda and
un-American activities that it decided for the first time in
its history to create a special committee on Un-American
Activities.

Although The American Legion for many years had very cordial
and cooperative relations with your Department, I desire to
assure you that our committee is ready to assist your
Department in any way that it can.

Mr. Lee R. Pennington of your office has been most helpful
to us over the years and we have already been in communication
with him to aid us in the work of this special committee.

On my last several visits to Washington I had hoped to be
able to get a few minutes to personally offer our services
but because my schedule did not permit me to do that, I did
not want too much time to elapse before communicating with
you, therefore decided to write this letter.

In these trying times yours is a great responsibility. We
of The American Legion hope to be able to assist you in
carrying out your many responsibilities in every way we can.

Sincerely yours,

Walter E. Alessandroni
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Chairman, National Un-American
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Assistant Director
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The American Legion
734 15th Street, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Olson:

Thank you very much for your
letter of February 6, 1951, and the
enclosed ~~X~~Legislative Bulletins.

I certainly appreciate your
making available these publications.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Gentlemen:

Mr. Milton called me last night with reference to your subscription to the Legislative Bulletin.

I regret to inform you that due to administrative error, your name and address was not given to the printer until January 15. As the result, you did not receive Bulletin #1 which was published on January 12.

Enclosed are the last three Bulletins published. Bulletin #36 was the only Bulletin published after the Congress recessed.

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With apology for the inconvenience caused you, I am

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Respectfully yours,

Clarence H. Olson

CLARENCE H. OLSON
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81ST CONGRESS -- 2ND SESSION

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NATIONAL SECURITY

UMT

The UMT Bill, S. 4062, which was introduced by Senators Tydings and Malone on August 17, 1950, and supported by The American Legion, is still before the Senate Armed Services Committee where it has reposed since President Truman's UMT deferment letter pulled the rug out from under it on August 29. Since no further action is to be taken on it by the present Congress, a UMT bill will be reintroduced as soon as the 82nd Congress convenes in January.

During the interim, however, The American Legion has not permitted this matter to remain dormant. National Commander Erle Cocke, Jr., and his staff have held many conferences with military and Congressional leaders . . . letters from Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary to Senators and Congressmen have been kept at a steady pace. An attractive brochure containing graphs, other factual material, and a personal letter from the National Commander was prepared for the 531 Senators and Representatives. These were delivered in person, upon the reconvening of Congress on November 27, by Commander Cocke and the Washington office staff. A follow up letter from the Commander, and additional factual material was subsequently mailed to each member. Two more letters will follow early in January. As space permits, we will carry some of this material in future Bulletins.

More Monkey Wrenches?

Unfortunately, it takes a war, and the suffering, casualties and heart-breaks that go with it . . . or an impending world catastrophe . . . to jar the American people into the realization that we have no available reservoir of trained manpower from which to draw fighting men in time of emergency . . . that there is no plan for such a reservoir, except The American Legion advocated system of Universal Military Training.

"We should have adopted UMT, long ago . . . Isn't it awful that we send our men to Korea to fight, without having given them adequate training?" These words are heard at every cross-road and street corner in our nation today. Our answer is: Yes! we should have . . . and isn't it . . . but what will the answer be tomorrow?

The tense world situation . . . the reverses in Korea, and the evident shortage of trained manpower with which to meet the emergency at hand, have all combined to strengthen the thinking of a great many people, so that now it appears that the vast majority favor a UMT program.

Do not be surprised when you read and hear that new organizations are springing up every day . . . each with a view to presenting some new form of Universal Military Training or Service which is or may be divergent from the Legion's long established program to provide military training for the youth of a free people . . . to keep them free.

The membership of these groups will embrace the names of well known leaders in various fields of American endeavor . . . the names will be news . . . and they will have a better press and radio outlet than The American Legion. Do not be discouraged if The American Legion is played down in the UMT publicity ahead.

We appreciate the help of all in this vital undertaking. In spite of the fact that The American Legion and its Auxiliary have "carried the torch" for a sensible military manpower training program to the cross-roads and grass roots of our country for 31 years, we welcome the assistance of all those who would now get

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Automobiles for Amputees

Senator Knowland, California, introduced S. 4227 on December 6. This bill would authorize Federal assist payments up to \$1600 on vehicles purchased by qualified amputee veterans of the Korean Theatre. Similar provision was made for veterans of WW II. Under the terms of Senator Knowland's bill, the President shall define the limits of the Korean Theatre, and he shall also mark the termination of military, naval or air operations in such theatre. The incident causing amputation must have occurred after June 24, 1950. Eligibles will be those who have suffered the loss, or loss of use of one or both legs, at or above the ankle.

FINIS

The 81st Congress is about to adjourn. This issue of the Legislative Bulletin is the last of this series. We have made diligent effort to avoid error in bringing the facts on The American Legion's legislative developments to you. Your generosity in restraining criticism is appreciated. We trust you will be among our subscribers for the 82nd Congress which convenes January 3rd. We hope to improve the Bulletin, making it even more important to you.

We have lost no ground during the past year. In fact, we have made considerable gain. With more than 50% of the Los Angeles Convention, and the November NEC resolutions requiring legislative action; and the increasing need for strengthening laws in the programs of Rehabilitation, Americanism, and National Security, we are sure you will agree that the coming year will require the united support of the Legion and the Auxiliary. The prestige of The American Legion is based, among other factors, on the soundness of our legislative demands, and the strength of our membership. I hope all of you will encourage your friends to become members of the Legion. Strength and honesty of purpose will see us through the difficult days ahead.

On behalf of the National Legislative Commission, and the members of the staff, I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year.

Miles D. Kennedy
DIRECTOR

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BULLETIN NO. 1

82ND CONGRESS -- 1ST SESSION

12 JANUARY 1951

82ND CONGRESS

Reflecting the solemn attitude of its membership, the First Session of the 82nd Congress got under way at noon, January 3rd. All members are fully aware of the trying days and months ahead, and of the weight of decision that rests upon them. Huge appropriations for the Armed Forces, defense production, and other matters related to the present conflict and the International situation will be required. The economy of all people in the Nation will be affected by the action of this Congress. The American Legion's job in the present Congress will be to successfully press for legislation that will provide equitable consideration for the veterans of the present emergency, or their dependents; to thwart any efforts put forth to destroy the Veterans Administration, or minimize the veterans' benefits that have been gained throughout the years. Veterans preference in Federal employment has been the target of sharpshooters for a long time. They are already at work in the new Congress.

During the first two days of the Session, more than 950 public and private bills and resolutions were introduced in the House. No bills were introduced in the Senate until after the President's address on the "State of The Union" on January 8th. Of the bills introduced in the House, more than 600 were of a public nature, many of which directly or indirectly affect veterans and their dependents. Since our policy will be that of reporting only the bills affecting veterans, their dependents or the program of The American Legion, we will not attempt to list the bills, generally. As the legislation develops we will carry the information in a comprehensive manner.

ORGANIZATION OF CONGRESS

Senator Ernest W. McFarland, Arizona, was selected Majority Floor Leader of the Senate, and Senator Lyndon B. Johnson, Texas, was named Majority Whip. Democrats are the Majority party in both Houses. Senator Kenneth S. Wherry, Nebraska, was chosen Minority Floor Leader, and Senator Leverett Saltonstall, Massachusetts, is Minority Whip. On the House side, Congressman Sam Rayburn, Texas, was re-elected Speaker, and Congressman John W. McCormack, Massachusetts, was again named Majority Floor Leader, and Congressman J. Percy Priest, Tennessee, Majority Whip. The Republicans selected Congressman Joe Martin, Massachusetts, (Speaker during the 80th Congress) as Minority Floor Leader, and Congressman Leslie C. Arends, Illinois, as Minority Whip. Senate and House committee organization has not been completed. We expect to have that information in our next Bulletin.

Politically, the Congress is made up as follows: SENATE: 48 Democrats; 47 Republicans, and 1 Democratic-Liberal. HOUSE: 234 Democrats; 199 Republicans; 1 Democratic-Liberal, and 1 Independent. World Wars I & II veterans made gains in both Houses. 54 Senators, and 238 Representatives are now in that category, according to the facts available. Names of veterans in Congress will be published at an early date.

THE STATE OF THE UNION

President Truman, on January 8, addressed the new Congress and a jam-packed audience in the new rehabilitated chamber of the House of Representatives on the "State of the Union". He emphasized the grave responsibility of the present Congress, and urged that defense production be expedited and increased, and that our

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"WHEREAS, It has always been the policy of The American Legion to comply with the spirit and the letter of all laws placed on the statute books of our country; and

"WHEREAS, Members of the staff of the National Legislative Commission have been properly registered with the Senate and the House of Representatives, and the National Adjutant has filed the required financial statement with these two branches of Congress; now, therefore,

"BE IT RESOLVED, That the National Legislative Commission shall have exclusive responsibility for petitioning Congress in behalf of or in opposition to all legislation in which The American Legion is interested; and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the National Legislative Commission is authorized to call on any officials, committees, commissions, or members of the National, State or local American Legion organizations to appear as witnesses before Congressional Committees and/or to petition Members of Congress in behalf of or in opposition to any legislation in accordance with the established legislative program of The American Legion; and

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That no officials, committee, commissions or members of the National, State or local American Legion organizations shall petition the Congress of the United States in connection with any legislative matters on behalf of The American Legion except through the National Legislative Commission."

THE 21-DAY RULE ABOLISHED:

By a vote of 244 to 179 the new House of Representatives on January 3rd, 1951 voted to restore the power of the Rules Committee to bottle up measures it does not want brought to a vote. The so-called 21-day rule had been adopted for the first time by the 81st Congress. This rule was the provision whereby, upon recognition by the Speaker, the chairman of any committee could ask that a bill which had received committee approval and been referred to the Rules Committee and remained in the Rules Committee unacted upon for 21 days could be brought before the House for debate and vote. The advocates of the 21-day rule claim that the Rules Committee has tended to use its power to prevent the House as a whole from even considering some important legislation that a majority of the committee's twelve members do not happen to like, and that this is a perversion of the proper purpose of the Rules Committee, and explains why the 21-day rule was invented. There are three methods by which the House membership can overrule the Rules Committee, to wit: (1). By petition of at least 218 of the House membership. (2). By the majority of the committee which had approved the bill taking the bill up on Calendar Wednesday, which comes twice each month while the House is in session, and (3), by vote to discharge. These methods of getting around the Rules Committee are difficult and seldom used.

AMENDING THE AMERICAN LEGION CHARTER

Since our bill to amend the Charter of The American Legion to give added protection in the rights, manufacture and use of The American Legion emblem, etc. failed of passage in the 81st Congress, the bill was reintroduced by Rep. LeCompte of Iowa on Jan. 8, and is now known as H.R. 1050. Bill is in House Judiciary Committee.

Wills D. Kennedy
DIRECTOR

IMPORTANT !!! Numbers of all bills and laws relating to our Legislative program are published in the Legislative Bulletin. If you are interested in any of these bills or laws, write the Representative from your Congressional District or either of the 2 Senators from your State, indicating your interest and requesting copies of any bills and laws desired. In view of the limited number of these publications we can obtain, it is not possible for this office to comply with requests for copies of bills and laws.

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UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

By a clever bit of strategy, the Defense Department tacked their plan for Universal Military Service and Training to the Legion's UMT bill, S. 1, AS AN AMENDMENT. It seems almost a certainty that the Congress will accept the recommendations of the Defense Department to draft 18-year-olds for 27 months of service, and that there will be few exemptions. Through compromise we may be able to cause provision for UMT to become effective, under civilian control, when the present emergency has terminated. For details please refer to "Legion's Position on Universal Military Training" on page 5 of this Bulletin.

ELIGIBILITY FOR LEGION MEMBERSHIP

Public Law 895, amending the charter of The American Legion, signed by the President on December 28, 1950 extends membership privilege to veterans of the present emergency. To be eligible, a veteran must have been in service on or after June 25, 1950, and must have an honorable discharge therefrom, or continue to serve honorably after date of cessation of present hostilities, as determined by the United States Government.

FEDERAL BUDGET FOR 1952

Forecasting a prolonged period of "belt tightening" for all U.S. taxpayers, the President asked Congress for a 1952 (July 1, 1951 to June 30, 1952) appropriation of \$71.5 billion, and increased taxes which would bring in at least \$16.5 billions additional, each year. This represents an increase over the 1951 budget of about \$24 billion, although the 1951 budget may be increased by supplemental appropriations before the end of this fiscal year, June 30th.

The requests would practically double the budget for the Military Services, with the new figure being \$41.4 billion. The increase in appropriations for "International Security and Foreign Relations" would jump from \$4.7 to \$7.4 billion. Practically all other items in the budget receive substantial increases, except "Veterans services and benefits". That item is being cut by more than \$750 million.

Having soft-pedaled controversial domestic issues in his "State of the Union" message on January 8th, the President now recommends (1) a National Fair Employment Practices Commission; (2) the Brannan farm plan; (3) compulsory health insurance, and (4) \$300 million in Federal aid to States to improve elementary and secondary schools.

The President recommended a cutback in private residential construction financed by Federal funds, but more liberal insurance for loans financing low rental units in defense areas. He indicated that extension of wage and price controls "appears inescapable", and that price and distribution controls would be augmented to the extent that their full impact would be felt in the spring.

Important to the veterans program was the President's request for a slow down in special benefits for veterans and their dependents, suggesting their needs would best be met through legislation for the entire population.

The controversial "Fair Deal" aspects of the budget message met with immediate challenge in both Houses of Congress.

HOOVER COMMISSION

As reported in Bulletin Number 35, the last of the 81st Congress Series, the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report is not accepting the reverses it suffered during 1950 in the matter of reorganization of programs and agencies affecting the care and treatment of disabled veterans; the administration of veterans affairs, and the long established preference in Federal Civil Service employment. The above Committee announced on January 14th that it had singled out six reorganization proposals as objectives to be reached in the new Congress, and stressed that these reorganization plans would be given special emphasis. The cited proposals would reorganize the following agencies and programs: Personnel Management (Civil Service); United Medical Administration (V.A. Medical program); Post Office Department; Veterans Affairs (Insurance); Interior Department; and Department of Agriculture.

It will be noted that three of the six reorganization plans directly affect veterans. (a) The Personnel Management plan would reorganize the procedure of the Civil Service Commission and delegate responsibility of recruitment of personnel to the various government agencies, leaving the Civil Service Commission with supervisory control only. This would leave the gates wide open for all sorts of violations of long established rules because it would not be possible for the CSC to effectively supervise these decentralized activities with the limited personnel they now have, and it is a foregone conclusion that they would not be given the funds to hire adequate personnel for that purpose. In addition, the plan would eliminate the rule of three, and otherwise disrupt the present veterans preference, if not eliminating it altogether. (b) A United Medical Administration is the repeated threat to take all medical activities out of the Veterans Administration and lump them with all other Federal medical programs, including the Armed Services, Public Health Service, etc.. (c) Veterans Affairs reorganization plan is directed primarily at the National Service Life Insurance program, with a view to setting up a new insurance corporation to administer government insurance matters.

We wish to carefully point out the fact that The American Legion has not been, nor is it now opposed to all recommendations of the Hoover Commission. We have actually supported some of them. The membership of the Legion wants economy and efficiency in government just as much as any other group of taxpaying citizens. The Rehabilitation Commission has kept a watchful eye on the Veterans Administration and has often recommended time and money saving changes in its administrative procedures. They will continue to do so.

The American Legion does not, however, want the economies in government to be solely at the expense of veterans' benefits. We remember too well the deplorable and outrageous suffering that followed the "Economy Act" of 1933. Our motto has been "let the economic hurts come to the veterans program last, this time, not first as it was then."

NATIONAL SECURITY

Adequate Merchant Marine

Having witnessed the utter inadequacy of merchant vessels readily convertible to the needs of military troop and cargo transport during WW I, The American Legion as long ago as 1922 went on record for a long range, privately owned merchant marine that would be available in time of war. The experiences during WW II substantiated the foresight of the Legion, and since 1945 we have continuously gone on record favoring a program of legislation designed to encourage private enterprise to build, maintain and operate sufficient American merchant ships of proper sizes and types to fully meet all demands of our national security. Legislative efforts to accomplish this end have been stymied from Congress to Congress. The Los Angeles Convention adopted resolution numbered 695, which reaffirms our previous stand. On January 8th Senator O'Connor (Maryland), for himself and Senator Magnuson (Washington), introduced S. 241 which embodies the provisions of our recommended "long range" merchant marine program. Referred to the Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Armament Program

Quickly following the President's budget message on January 15, the Defense Department came up with a plan to implement the military production program

outlined in the message. The cost of this program from now until June 30, 1952 is estimated to reach the staggering figure of \$87 billion. This huge amount is exclusive of routine housekeeping and administrative costs such as payrolls, transportation, etc.

Civil Defense

The Civil Defense Program contained in H.R. 9798, and which was introduced in the House by Rep. Durham of North Carolina on November 30, 1950 and passed by both Houses before the adjournment of the 81st Congress, was signed by the President on January 12, 1951, and is now Public Law 920 (81st Congress). The law provides for a Federal Civil Defense Administrator (former Governor Caldwell of Florida was appointed to the position) and Federal contributions to states for civil defense purposes. The law stipulates stringent security requirements and safeguards, and requires minute investigation of all persons who are to have knowledge of restricted information in connection with the administration of the program. Los Angeles Res. No. 697.

Ships for the Navy

The first bill to pass either House of Congress was H.R. 1001 on January 17th. The bill was passed on roll call vote of 365 to none. Authorizing an expenditure of \$2 billion, the bill further provides for the new construction of 500,000 tons of modern combat vessels of all types, as well as the conversion of one (1) million tons of existing vessels into modernized types. The new construction includes an aircraft carrier of 57,000 tons, only slightly smaller than the USS United States which was scrapped, nearly two years ago. This action is in line with "Statement of Policy on National Security" emanating from the 1950 Los Angeles convention, and resolution 516 which was adopted at the same time.

A companion bill, S. 504, was introduced in the Senate by Senator Johnson of Colorado on January 16. Latter bill was referred to the Senate Finance Committee.

BILLS INTRODUCED AT LEGION REQUEST

Rep. Rankin, Chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, introduced the following House bills at the request of The American Legion, on January 8-9, 1951. All such bills referred to the House Veterans Affairs Committee.

PENSION FOR WW II WIDOWS

H.R. 1079 (mandated by Los Angeles Resolutions 138, 342 & 687, and NEC 16, November 1950) would provide death pension for WW II veterans' widows and children on the same basis as now provided for those of WW I. Senator Johnson of Colorado introduced a companion bill in the Senate, S. 503. Latter bill to Senate Finance Committee.

PENSION LAW REVISION

H.R. 1078 (mandated by Los Angeles Resolutions 342 and 446, and NEC 4, November 1950) would amend present law to provide disability pension to veterans who are totally disabled for six months or longer, instead of the permanent total disability requirement at the present. The bill would also increase the pension rate from \$60 to \$75 per month for those who have been pensioned less than ten years, or who have not reached the age of 65 years. It would increase the rate of those beyond age 65, or those who have been in receipt of disability pension for 10 years, from \$72 to \$90 per month. It adds a provision for those who are bedridden or helpless, in the amount of \$105 per month. The bill also raises present income limitations from \$1,000 to \$1,800 per year, and from \$2,500 to \$3,000, whichever is applicable. Senator Johnson of Colorado introduced the Senate companion bill, S. 505, which was referred to the Finance Committee. These bills include provisions for Korean emergency veterans.

USGL INSURANCE LIENS

H.R. 1084 (mandated by Los Angeles Res. 443) would remove liens on USGL insurance for certain periods, and which were the result of reinstatements of USGLI by certain disabled veterans of WW I.

HOSPITALIZATION

H.R. 1553 (mandated by Los Angeles Res. 615) would authorize the VA to provide contract or other hospitalization for U.S. citizen veterans residing in the Philippines. Senate companion bill (S. 498) was introduced by Senator Hill on January 16. Same was referred to Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

DEPENDENCY ALLOWANCE

H.R. 1073 (mandated by Los Angeles Res. 500) would amend existing law to authorize additional payment to veterans in receipt of disability compensation, who have dependent wives and/or children. Present law permits such payments when disability is 50% or greater; our request is for proportionate payments when the disability is 10% or greater.

PRESUMPTIVE SERVICE CONNECTION

H.R. 1077 (mandated by Los Angeles Res. 623, and November, NEC Res. 53) would extend the presumptive period for non-pulmonary tuberculosis, and psychosis if manifested to a 10% degree within three years from date of honorable separation or discharge.

SERVICE CREDIT

H.R. 1218 (mandated by NEC Res. 10, Nov., 1950) would extend service credit to former members of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps (WAAC) who served in WW II. This would primarily affect educational benefits under the G.I. Bill.

APPELLATE REVIEW

H.R. 1074 (mandated by NEC Res. 14, Nov., 1950) would authorize appellate review on all denied claims of veterans. Presently a veteran may not appeal a denial of certain insurance claims.

WARTIME RATES

H.R. 1217 (mandated by Los Angeles Res. 342) would grant wartime rates for disability compensation, and death compensation for Korean emergency service, instead of peacetime rates as now authorized. The bill would also class these veterans as "veterans of any war" for post service hospitalization benefits now provided by law for veterans of WW I & II.

HOSPITAL BOARD

H.R. 1081 (mandated by Los Angeles Res. 13) would reestablish a Federal Board of Hospitalization for the purpose of coordinating Federal hospital construction, contract hospital programs, etc.

DEATH PENSION

H.R. 1076 (mandated by Los Angeles Res. 599) would amend existing law so as to authorize death pension to dependents of those who die in service, but whose death has been denied service connection for compensation purposes.

DEATH COMPENSATION

H.R. 1075 (mandated by Los Angeles Resolutions 499 and 577) would authorize service connected death compensation to dependents of the permanently and totally service connected veterans who die from other causes than those for which service connection had been granted.

RETIREMENT REVIEW

H.R. 1085 (mandated by Los Angeles Res. 596) would provide for review, on request of person concerned, of cases involving disability retirement of certain officers by amending Section 302, Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, as amended. Senator Johnson, Colorado, introduced companion bill in Senate, S. 511, on January 16. Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

TERM LEVEL INSURANCE EXTENSION

H.R. 1072 (mandated NEC Res. 52, Nov., 1950) would extend renewal authorization of 5 year term level USGL Insurance. This has been accomplished each five years since WW I.

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HONORABLE DISCHARGE

H.R. 1080 (mandated by NEC Res. 15, Nov., 1950) would authorize honorable discharges for those aliens who served honorably for a time during WW I, but who were discharged because they were aliens, and who did not receive honorable discharges - merely separation notices.

AUTOMATIC INSURANCE

See Bulletin No. 1. Hearing on S. 84, introduced at the request of the Legion commenced on January 25th, at which time representatives of the Rehabilitation Commission appeared in behalf of The American Legion.

Veteran Administration

NEW MEDICAL DIRECTOR

January 15th press releases disclosed the pending retirement of Dr. Paul B. Magnuson as Director of the Veterans Administration's medical program because of incompatibility between Magnuson and V.A. Administrator Gray. Dr. Magnuson will be succeeded by retired Vice Admiral Joel T. Boone on April 1st. Admiral Boone, former Navy medical officer, was the winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor, and the Distinguished Service Cross while serving as surgeon for the 6th Marines in WW I. During the past two years the Legion has been at loggerheads with Dr. Magnuson on several occasions. We hope the relationship with the new Director will prove beneficial to the veterans medical program.

CONGRESSIONAL STATISTICS

The 81st Congress (1949-50) saw the introduction of 16,670 public and private bills, of which 1986 became Public Laws. The President vetoed 78. During the first 15 calendar days of the 82nd Congress, 2539 bills and resolutions were introduced.

LEGISLATIVE BULLETIN

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LEGION'S POSITION ON UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

NOTE: We are indebted to Mr. Granville S. Ridley, Chairman of the National Security Training Committee, who prepared the following:

Recognizing that all of the details of a Universal Military Training Program could not be included in a resolution which would tie the hands of the National Commander and the Executive Officers of the Legion, at Los Angeles, 1950, the National Security Commission, and the National Convention, following its recommendation, adopted a broad statement of policy.

This statement of policy recognized that the United States is confronted with two military manpower problems:--

1. That of immediately raising our armed forces to the strength suggested by the President, or to any strength, no matter how great, necessary to meet the present threatening emergency.
2. That of establishing a production line UMT which will permanently maintain our reservoir of trained military manpower at a strength sufficient to meet every emergency.

To solve the first problem the Legion advocated the use of the present selective service system with amendments. For the solution of the second problem the American Legion firmly advocated Universal Military Training.

This same statement of policy was adopted at the National Executive Committee meeting in Indianapolis, November 17, 18 and 19, 1950, as reported on page 84 of its proceedings.

Within this broad statement of policy the National Commander, using his best sources of information and advice, on January 22, 1951 when appearing before

the Sub-Committee of the Senate Armed Services Committee, accepted for the present emergency, but for the present emergency only, the lowering of the draft age to 18 years, and at the same time increasing the period of service to 27 months. The Selective Service System provides for the induction of men directly into the armed forces for service.

On the same date and before the same committee, the National Commander advocated a program of Universal Military Training controlled by a civilian commission to be implemented whenever the President, in the discretion granted him by the bill under consideration, might see fit to discontinue the 27 months period of service provided as a temporary expedient only, during the current emergency.

S. 66 of the 81st Congress, written by the Legion and sponsored by the Legion provided for the induction of 18-year-olds, who, once they had completed their 4 months of basic training, were liable for service in a reserve component of their choice and were liable to active service if this component were called out.

S. 1 introduced in the 82nd Congress at the request of the Legion provides for the solution of the 2nd problem above mentioned, that of a long range Universal Military Training program. It does not attempt to solve the emergency problem.

By request of the Department of Defense, a bill has been introduced which is intended as a substitute, by amendment, to The American Legion's Bill S. 1. It contains a program to meet the temporary emergency which the National Commander, on behalf of the Legion, has endorsed. The Department of Defense bill also offers a solution for the long range training problem which, in many respects, resembles that contained in The American Legion's bill S. 1, but it does not provide for the long range training program to be civilian controlled. The National Commander supported this portion of the Department of Defense bill provided, and only provided, it be amended so as to make the Universal Military Training program mandatory, so that once world conditions and the strength of our armed forces might permit the President, to discontinue the 27 months of military service, he, the President, shall then appoint a civilian Commission to direct and control the UMT program of all trainees.

Confusion arises over the terms "Universal Service," "Universal Military Service," and "Universal Military Training." Universal Service means conscription of labor, of capital and of military manpower. Universal Military Service means compulsory service in war or in peace. Universal Military Training means civilian training and service thereafter in an option chosen by the trainee. The American Legion supports U.M.T. as the long range training program.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION MEETING

The National Legislative Commission will meet in Washington on February 26-7-8, at which time they will review the legislative program, and formulate plans for the remainder of the 1st Session of the 82nd Congress. Fortunately, the above meeting will be held at the time of the National Rehabilitation Conference, thus providing opportunity for the Legislative group to work with rehabilitation leaders on important rehabilitation legislation. Mrs. Willis C. Reed, National President, and other leaders of the Auxiliary will participate.

Wills D. Kennedy
DIRECTOR

IMPORTANT!!! Numbers of all bills and laws relating to our Legislative program are published in the Legislative Bulletin. If you are interested in any of these bills or laws, write the Representative from your Congressional District or either of the 2 Senators from your State, indicating your interest and requesting copies of any bills and laws desired. In view of the limited number of these publications we can obtain, it is not possible for this office to comply with requests for copies of bills and laws.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION

734 FIFTEENTH STREET, N. W.

WASHINGTON 5, D. C.

February 21, 1951

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Gentlemen:

We are sorry to learn the address which was provided us by you, does not appear to be sufficient and we are pleased to add "Room 5525" to the previous address. N-1

Detached
We are enclosing copies of Bulletins 1, 2 and 3. The 4th Bulletin will be issued under date of February 23. Due to possible delay in change of address as indicated by the copy attached, we will make a separate mailing of Bulletin #4, as soon as it is received from the printer.

Very truly yours,

Clark Rosengrunt, Supply Control, Div III, called Mr. Milton, Dept 9 further, to ask him to call Olson + thank him, which Milton said he would do.

Clarence H. Olson
CLARENCE H. OLSON
Assistant Director

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No reply by ltr necessary.

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INTERNAL SECURITY - C

On March 6-9, 1951, the National Un-American Activities Committee of the American Legion held an Executive Session Meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting was called for the purpose of carrying out the National Program of the American Legion in connection with subversive activities. Among the individuals of the committee present were certain members who have devoted considerable efforts over the years in studying and following Communist activities. It has been suggested that several of these individuals may be of value to certain field offices as sources of information.

[redacted] who is a member of the National Un-American Activities Committee of the American Legion, was present. [redacted] is connected [redacted] and it appeared [redacted] has studied Communism from the early days. He had a small suitcase with him which contained many booklets issued by the Communist Party in the early days, which he said were no longer in print. He had much of the Communist Party early propaganda and also indicated that he had many of the early manifestos. [redacted] indicated that he would fully cooperate with the FBI. A Special Agent of the Portland Office who is familiar with Communist activities should contact [redacted] in the immediate future and obtain a list of the material which he has in his possession. A check should then be made of the Bureau to determine whether he has any material which is desired by the Bureau.

For the information of the Chicago Office, [redacted]

[redacted] Peoria, Illinois, is also a member of the above-mentioned committee, has studied the subject of fighting Communism and should be an excellent contact for the Chicago Office.

For the information of the Seattle Office, [redacted]

[redacted] Washington, is a member of the committee and it was reported that he has followed the Communist program for many years and appears to have considerable information of value in his possession.

For the information of the San Diego Office, [redacted]

[redacted] San Diego, California, is a member of the committee and has been active in following the Communist program. It was reported that he might be of particular value to the San Diego Office in connection with the movements of Communists in the San Diego area. [redacted] particularly mentioned the fact that many of the meetings of the Communist leaders are now being held over the Mexican border in Tijuana.

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These individuals should be contacted in the near future and any information of value obtained should be promptly furnished to the Bureau. Each office should check its indices prior to conducting the interview.

cc: Chicago
Seattle
San Diego

NOB from [redacted]

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

FROM : L. R. Pennington

DATE: March 14, 1951

SUBJECT: THE NATIONAL UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE,
AMERICAN LEGION, EXECUTIVES SECTION MEETING,
WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 8-9, 1951

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This meeting was called for the purpose of carrying out the National Program of the American Legion in connection with subversive activities. The following members of the National Un-American Activities Committee were present: Walter E. Alessandrini, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Chairman; J. E. Martie, University Station, Reno, Nevada, Vice Chairman; George W. Fisher, San Diego, California; William D. Browne, Portland Police Department, Portland, Oregon; James E. McDaniel, Jonesboro, Arkansas; G. Chapman Caldwell, Peoria, Illinois; Dan McGillicuddy, Aberdeen, Washington; E. R. Christopher, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Three members of the National Americanism Commission met with the Committee, namely, A. Luke Crispe, Chairman, Brattleboro, Vermont, Archie M. Glosson, Lodi, California, and Lee R. Pennington, Washington, D. C.

In addition, there were present three employees of the American Legion, namely, Allen B. Willand, Director, National Americanism Commission, Karl Baarslag, employee, National Americanism Commission, and Nicholas Nonnemaker, employee, National Americanism Commission. All of our speakers definitely stated their remarks were "off the record."

The first speaker on the program was Seth Richardson, Chairman, Subversive Activities Control Board. He spoke very convincingly concerning the loyalty program. He further mentioned that the delay in the Senate ratifying the President's five appointments was rather embarrassing due to the fact that the newly appointed committee could not go ahead with their program for fear that if the appointments were not confirmed all of the hearings in connection with the program would be null and void. He mentioned several of the cases but failed to say anything about the Remington case. He was asked concerning the Remington case and stated he was glad that had been brought up as there had been considerable misinformation publicized concerning approval by the Loyalty Board after he had been turned down by the Committee at the Department of Commerce. Richardson stated that Executive Order 9835 definitely hamstrung the Committee. He said the Committee had available all of the reports of the FBI showing Remington's Communist tie-ups in prior years, but that for several years prior to his appointment with the Department of Commerce there was absolutely no information concerning subversive activities. He stated that under Executive Order 9835 the Committee

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cc Mr. W. C. Sullivan
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definitely felt that they were restricted in determining the present loyalty of Remington. He felt the order should be changed so that it would cover all subversive activities and not their activities at the present time. He mentioned the cases of a number of those who had been previously tied up with the Communist Party and definitely had shown a change of heart. Concerning the Remington matter he stated that in addition to himself, a very high class attorney named Alper from New York, and Harry Colmery, a former National Commander of the American Legion, all reached the same decision concerning their overruling the Commerce Board and making Remington eligible for continuing in his position. He stated that all three felt that Executive Order 9835 definitely restricted them to the present loyalty of the individual. While talking to us he made reference to Edward Morgan who served under him, but he spoke disparagingly of Morgan's report and referred to it as the "whitewash of Pearl Harbor".

The next speaker on the program was Congressman Clyde Doyle of California who represented the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He called attention to the fact that the American Legion has in the past cooperated with and supported the Committee, had assisted the Committee in the distribution of its publications and has supported the legislation proposed by the Committee, as well as requests made for funds by the Committee from the House of Representatives. He hoped that this cooperation would continue.

He stated that the Committee at present is particularly interested in locating individuals identified as Communists who are now working in defense plants. He called attention to the fact that the Legion has numerous members working in defense plants and that these Legionnaires should be made aware of the fact that the House Committee is decidedly interested in locating Communists within defense plants. He felt that if the program is successful the possibilities of sabotage being committed by Communist agents would be minimized to a great extent.

With reference to the current year's program, the Committee intends to ask Congress for reprints of certain important hearings which have been conducted.

He asked for a close liaison between representatives of the Legion and members of the Committee. He asked that the Legion furnish the Committee with copies of all publications issued by the Legion relative to subversive activities. He wanted the Legion to mail copies of all Legion publications to each individual Committee member.

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He further stated that he realized many of the individual members of the Legion take an active part in civic and fraternal organizations throughout the country and asked that these Legion members acquaint the various groups with whom they are affiliated with the Committee's purposes. He called attention to the fact that the Legion had many members in southern states and stated it would be of great assistance to the Committee for these members to furnish information concerning the activities of the various Klan groups operating in the south. The Committee has much information on these groups but is always on the lookout for additional information.

||| The Congressman stated that the Committee is very much interested in the movements of leading Communists and that from time to time it receives information concerning certain key Communist figures who are moving about the country. In view of the Committee's small staff (he stated there were 34), it is sometimes impossible to keep an accurate check on these individuals and the Legion could cooperate by furnishing to the Committee such information as it might receive reflecting on the movements of Communist leaders. He said this could be accomplished through the Legion notifying members attached to various police departments or detective bureaus.

||| He again mentioned the subject of defense plants and said the Committee would be particularly interested in receiving information concerning the identity of individuals who might distribute Communist literature among workers engaged in key defense industries. His short talk was made from a prepared memorandum and I borrowed it long enough to make copies. One copy is attached hereto.

||| At the conclusion of Congressman Doyle's talk he was informed by a member of the Committee that the material he desired was always furnished to the FBI and he hastily said that he wanted them to furnish it to the Committee in addition to the FBI.

||| Congressman Doyle was informed that some Legionnaires felt that the Committee had been rather inactive recently. In answer to this he stated that Congressman Wood had been away due to the recent death of his father and that Congressman Velde (former Bureau Agent), had been home ill. He stated that as Velde was the senior Republican member and is now back activities had been held up, but that the entire Committee was now actively carrying on its work.

||| Constantine Brown, columnist on the Washington Star, made the next talk. He tried to give an over-all picture on the present Government policy in dealing with the war in Korea. He stated that

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notwithstanding the fact that the Defense Department is allegedly controlling the policy in Korea, the real policy is definitely being handled by the State Department. He further stated that the State Department is doing all they can to discredit MacArthur. He further stated that the State Department did not like Admiral Hillenkoeter who formerly headed up CIA and was responsible for him being removed.

At the afternoon session Senator Karl Mundt was our last speaker and he gave details concerning the various bills which were introduced to fight Communism. He stated that all four Bills were finally consolidated into the McCarran Bill in order to cover all of the points in proposed Anti-Communist Legislation. Some who were present brought up the question of the newly appointed Subversive Activities Control Board. Mundt lit into Seth Richardson and stated that he definitely would not vote in favor of Richardson's appointment.

The first speaker on the second day of the program was Austin F. Canfield of the American Bar Association. He mentioned the fact that on numerous occasions he had conferred with Walter Alessandrini, National Chairman of the Legion's Un-American Activities Committee and that the Legion and the American Bar Association would definitely work together. Throughout his talk he repeatedly called attention to the outstanding cooperation which had been given Mr. Canfield and his associates in the program by Mr. Hoover and members of the FBI.

Hiram Bingham, Chairman of the Loyalty Review Board, had been scheduled to talk but was unable to be present. In his place Lawrence B. Meloy, Executive Secretary of the Loyalty Review Board, appeared and gave a dissertation on the proposed work of the new board appointed by the President.

Another speaker was Senator Herbert O'Connor of Maryland who is on the Subversive Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He only had a few minutes due to the fact he had to go back to the Senate in order to vote on Universal Military Training, but he stated that the Senate Committee is very much interested in three matters: (1) Communist penetration from abroad; (2) Communist penetration in Government; (3) Communist penetration in the armed services. He asked for the Legion's cooperation in carrying out the program.

Throughout the conference the question was repeatedly raised as to whether the Committee should go on record by resolution in asking the Senate to take immediate action concerning either the

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appointment or rejection of the five men headed by Seth Richardson recently appointed by the President to the Subversive Activities Control Board. Senator O'Connor was asked whether this would be out of line. He furnished considerable information concerning the matter and stated that the Judiciary Committee really has been working very hard in an effort to bring the proposed appointments up. It appears that there is some question about four of the individuals. The Senate doesn't want to do anything to negate the work already done by the Control Board and therefore is hoping that they will be able to ratify the appointments of at least three. It appears that the two concerning whom there is some question are Seth Richardson and former Congressman LaFollette.

On closing Senator O'Connor pointed out the frequent practice of Communist controlled organizations to contact foreign born, especially those recently arriving, and indoctrinate them in the Communist way of thinking. He suggested that the Legion with other patriotic organizations counter these tactics by establishing contacts with newcomers to our shores and by educating them in true Americanism.

The final speaker on the program was former Senator Danaher of Connecticut who is one of those on the President's newly appointed Control Board. He went into some of the activities of the Committee and hoped that the appointments would be promptly made so that the Committee could proceed with its work.

Throughout the conference the various members of the Committee called attention to the fact that they were wholeheartedly cooperating with the Bureau and intended to continue.

I want particularly to call your attention to the fact concerning several members of the Committee present who have been very actively interested in Communist activities over a period of many years:

[redacted] appears to have studied Communism from its early days. He had a small suitcase with him and many booklets issued by the Communist Party in the early days which he said were no longer in print. He had much of their early propaganda and said that he had many of their early manifestoes. It appears to me that it might be well to have an Agent of the Portland Office contact [redacted] get a list of the material in his possession, and then check with the Bureau to determine whether he has material we desire. He assured me he would fully cooperate with us.

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James O'Neil, a former National Commander of the American Legion, who is now in charge of the American Legion Magazine, came in before the meeting ended. He stated that some rather interesting articles are now being printed in the American Legion Magazine and he particularly called attention to an article which appeared in the January 1951 issue entitled "Why you buy books that sell Communism". He has had requests from all over the country for additional copies of this article and 75,000 copies have been distributed to date. He stated that some of the New York newspapers which have appeared rather prominently and somewhat notoriously in the article have plainly indicated their displeasure.

He stated that Angela Calomiris who testified for the Bureau in the trial of the eleven Communist leaders has been experiencing considerable difficulty in getting a job. She approached the manager of one of the Curtis Publishing Company's publications recently and was turned down on account of her connection with the trial. O'Neil said he later had quite a discussion concerning this with the head of the Curtis Publishing Company and informed him that the Legion was very much dissatisfied with the leadership in a number of the Curtis Publishing Company's publications. A copy of the article "Why you buy books that sell Communism" is attached hereto.

✓ JPM JL

March 12, 1951

SAC, Miami

Director, ⁸¹AMERICAN LEGION CONTACTS
MIAMI DIVISION

Reference is made to your letter of February 21, 1951, setting forth your proposal to recontact American Legion Contacts of the Miami Division during the annual convention of the Department of Florida American Legion in Tampa, scheduled to be held April 20-22, 1951, and again at the National American Legion Convention in Miami during the fall of this year.

Bureau authority is granted to make your Legion recontacts in the manner you propose and to utilize a sentographer to assist in handling the paper work involved.

CC: SAC, Mobile

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Director, FBI

February 21, 1951

SAC, Miami

AMERICAN LEGION CONTACTS
MIAMI DIVISION

We have been reflecting upon the Bureau's instructions that American Legion contacts are to be recontacted annually and that these contacts may be made by telephone.

Inasmuch as many of the contacts within the Miami Division are in distinctly rural areas, the only logical telephone contact would be via long distance at considerable cost. We have concluded that it would be economical and advantageous to endeavor to complete as many of our annual recontacts as possible during the annual convention of the Department of Florida, American Legion, in Tampa, April 20-22, 1951.

Inspector Lee Pennington from the Bureau will be making a speech at that convention. Special Agent Vincent K. Antle, who has handled much of the Legion program here, will unless you immediately advise to the contrary get appropriate rooms at the headquarters hotel in Tampa and arrange to have these contacts drop by his room so that Agent Antle can perform the recontact work. It will be impossible for me to be present during the whole convention because I will be leaving on April 22, 1951, to come to Washington for conference. I will be with Agent Antle during a portion of the convention and will personally assist in making these Legion recontacts.

There are approximately 900 contacts of the Legion in the Miami Division. Undoubtedly there will be considerable paper work involved, changes of status, etc., and it is therefore my plan to take a stenographer along to immediately handle this paper work unless you advise to the contrary.

Inasmuch as Mr. Pennington will be present and will undoubtedly make a number of contacts, those individuals contacted by Mr. Pennington we will list as recontacts of this Division without the necessity of additional contact. Those individuals who are not present at this convention or persons we might miss because of the volume of business, we will endeavor to contact at the National American Legion Convention in Miami during the Fall of this year.

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cc Mobile (Personal Attention)

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Director, FBI

I see nothing wrong with this plan and believe that it is a means of promoting efficiency and economy.

This matter is presented herewith for the information of the Mobile office and for indication from Mobile as to whether that office desires to have a representative available for making recontacts for the Mobile Division.

For the Mobile Office's information, it is our plan to drop a short note to each of the contacts about a week before the convention, telling them what room we will be in and that we would like to have them drop by. Thus, we will not have to go chasing through all of the convention rooms looking for contacts.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR '51?

"TO FOSTER AND PERPETUATE A ONE HUNDRED PERCENT AMERICANISM"

This slogan is restricted to a single line of thought....to induce a more active citizenship by making people more aware of the evils of Communism.

Read what is stated on page 55 of the "Secret Communist Party Manual on Organization"....quote: "I pledge myself to remain at all times a vigilant and firm defender of the Leninist line of the party, the only line that insures the triumph of Soviet Power in the United States."

The purpose of this campaign is to help raise the level of active citizenship in our country.

A more active participation by you as citizens, in the processes of democracy in the community, state, and nation.

In a democracy, we the people are the masters....we must either exercise that mastery or become, as others have, THE PAWNS OF A MASTER STATE.

We have two purposes....AWARENESS and ACTION....We must accomplish both if we are to succeed.

These purposes may be also the most difficult because of the nature of our subject....Remember however that we are the world's strongest proponents of the FREEDOM and DIGNITY of the individual.

Our country and THE AMERICAN LEGION are committed to a policy of "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY".

The final objective will be met only if YOU realize that we may lose our freedoms, as people elsewhere have lost them, unless we conscientiously WORK at democracy, through reading and discussion and keeping in touch with the activities of those who would destroy us.

Again the question is: WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR '51?

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For 175 years THE AMERICAN WORKER has struggled to attain the FREEDOM and HIGH STANDARD OF LIVING he enjoys today...It has not been an easy road...The struggle has been hard.

Today, THE AMERICAN WORKER is recognized as an individual with RIGHTS and DIGNITY that only comes to him when the state is his SERVANT and not his MASTER... COMMUNISM is opposed to all this.

Under the COMMUNIST STATE SYSTEM he is denied all the FREEDOMS guaranteed to him in the CONSTITUTION and its BILL OF RIGHTS.

In no other country does there exist for the worker such a degree of FREEDOM OF SPEECH..FREEDOM OF ASSEMBLY..FREEDOM OF RELIGION..

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ION AGAINST ILLEGAL SEARCH AND SEIZURE...RIGHT OF HABEAS CORPUS..THE RIGHT TO JOIN A UNION (not one dominated by the government) and the OPPORTUNITY TO SELECT HIS OWN JOB.. as in the UNITED STATES.

In return for the loss of these precious FREEDOMS and RIGHTS thru COMMUNISM, THE AMERICAN WORKER is offered the promise of dubious security in a POLICE STATE.

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Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner

INTERNAL SECURITY ACT OF 1950
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PURPOSE

To advise of comments made in the publication of the National Americanism Commission of the American Legion, for March 1951, concerning the Internal Security Act of 1950, and prospective activities of the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Senate Internal Security Committee.

DETAILS

Volume V, number 3, dated March 1951, of the "Summary of Trends and Developments Exposing The Communist Conspiracy", published by the National Americanism Commission Subcommittee on subversive activities of the American Legion, from its National Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana, contains on pages 12, et seq, a section entitled "The Home Sector". In this section appear comments concerning the Internal Security Act of 1950, and the prospective activities of both the House Un-American Activities Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee, recently set up for investigation of subversive activities. The following comments in this section are believed to be of interest.

This section advises that the House Un-American Activities Committee has resumed its hearings on Communism and also advises of the setting up of the Senate Subcommittee, "to see that the McCarran Act is energetically and honestly enforced". The Act states that both these Committees should be endorsed by suitably worded resolutions at Department Convention level, and that official Legion action should be taken to advise Senators and Representatives of the Legion's desire that both Committees receive adequate appropriations to carry on their work.

In support of the urging the Legion members to endorse the two committees, the article refers to the Director's statement (called a "public warning"), that the Communists have gone underground almost completely. It further quotes Senator McCarran as having told newsmen, after the Director had made his confidential report before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee, that the United States "is in greater Internal Security Danger than it ever has been".

CONCLUSIONS

The above comments are believed to be of interest, as they indicate the probability that the American Legion will urge the support of both the House Committee and the Senate Committee, recently established.

ACTION:

The above is for your information and for inclusion in the captioned file.

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May 7, 1951

Honorable Paul P. Rao
United States Customs Court
201 Varick Street
New York 14, New York

My dear Paul:

Thank you very much for your cordial letter of May 1, 1951. It certainly was thoughtful of you to invite me to serve as a member of the Honorary Committee for the testimonial dinner to be given for the Honorable John W. Snyder on October 27, 1951, at the Hotel Commodore and to make an address on this occasion.

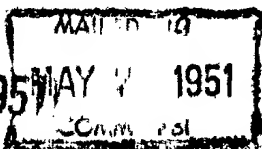
It would be a pleasure to attend this banquet and serve in the capacity you suggested. I have, however, received numerous invitations to serve on committees similar to this one and to fulfill speaking engagements. The extreme pressure of business at this time has forced me to adopt a policy of declining all such requests as my official schedule has been rendered most indefinite. I trust you will understand my position in this regard.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write me and I regret that it will not be possible for me to give you an affirmative answer.

Sincerely,
J. Edgar Hoover
cc - New York, with copy of incoming

NOTE: Invitations were received by the Director in 1949 and 1950 from Judge Rao to attend testimonial dinners.

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CHAMBERS OF
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May 1, 1951

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My dear Edgar:

I have been accorded the privilege of serving as Executive Chairman for a testimonial dinner to be given by the American Legion, 601 Francis Vigo Post No. 1093, in honor of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Honorable John W. Snyder, on October 27, 1951, at the Hotel Commodore.

We shall be highly honored to have you serve as a member of the Honorary Committee for this occasion. Will you kindly inform me at your earliest convenience whether or not you will accept this invitation.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Hon. Paul (P.) Rao

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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